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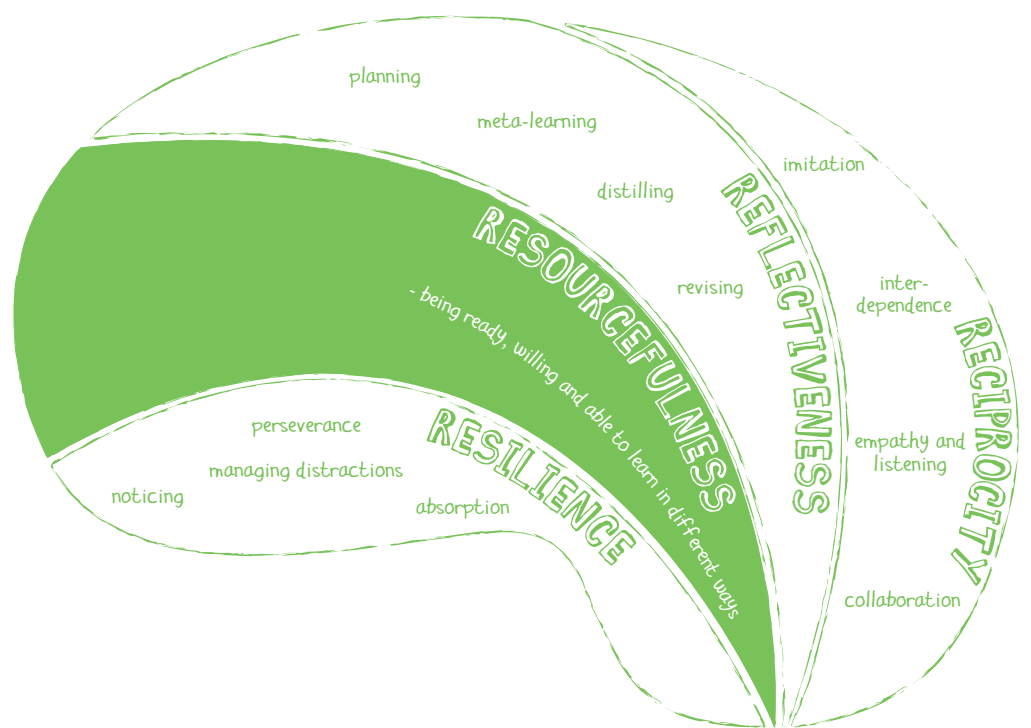
The cognitive aspects of learning; 'thinking'

The capacities that make up this disposition are:

Questioning Making Links Imagining Reasoning Capitalising

## Reasoning

Calling up your logical and rational skills to work things out methodically and rigorously; constructing good arguments, and spotting the flaws in others'.



## How to make the most of the story;

### HIDE AND SEEK

In this story about Aneeta and Nanda, Aneeta loses her very special doll, Maya. The whole family has to do some good thinking to discover where she is.

This story is a reminder that the best thinking is done when we are calm and focused. To find out where Maya is, dad starts everyone thinking logically by working backwards, step by step. We see how that approach helps Aneeta, Nanda and their mum to remember what was going on, so that eventually they are able to find Maya. Clear thinking and this 'step by step' approach can help us solve all kinds of problems.



## After the story

### Connecting questions

- Why was Aneeta so upset?
- Dad told her she should stop crying. Why did he say this?
- Dad said they needed to put on their 'thinking caps'. Have you ever heard anyone say this? What do you think it means?
- Nanda had a good idea to start them thinking. Can you remember what it was?
- Nanda remembered something else that helped them. Can you remember what that was?
- What other things did they think of that helped?
- What was the last thing they thought of that meant they could find Maya?
- Where was Aneeta's doll and how did she get there?
- Dad said he thought Maya hadn't minded being in the laundry basket. What made him say this?

### Transferring questions

- Maya was found because everyone was very good at thinking clearly – step by step. Are you good at thinking clearly?
- Can you think of other times in school or at home when thinking clearly helps you to solve a problem?
- Can you explain how they managed to find Maya?
- What would you tell someone about how to think clearly?
- What might stop you from thinking clearly?
- How are you going to remind yourself about thinking carefully?
- Is it better to think quickly but get things wrong or think more slowly and carefully and get things right?

# HIDE AND SEEK

## A story to introduce: Reasoning

Have you ever lost something really precious to you? It doesn't have to be something which cost lots and lots of money, but for you it's probably more important than the most expensive toy in the world.

Aneeta had Maya who was very precious to her. Maya was a doll that Aneeta's grandma had given her when she was a very little girl. Grandma had been on a holiday and she had brought two dolls back for Aneeta and her twin sister Nanda. Both dolls were soft, rag dolls, made of fabric. They had bendy arms and legs and squashy tummies. They wore beautiful saris, Aneeta's in pinks and purples and mauves and Nanda's in green and blue and turquoise. They both had little shoes made of felt sown on to their feet and they had bright eyes and big smiles that were stitched on to their fabric faces. Aneeta called her doll Maya and she loved her very much. When the girls were at school Maya lay on Aneeta's bed, and when Aneeta got home from school she nearly always went upstairs and brought Maya down. Yes, Maya was very special to Aneeta.

One afternoon, when they got home from school, whilst mum got them a drink, Aneeta went upstairs to fetch Maya, but Maya wasn't there.

"I'm sure I left Maya on the bed this morning," Aneeta thought. She looked on the floor – perhaps Maya had fallen off the bed, but she wasn't there. Aneeta went to the top of the stairs.

"Mum," she shouted, "Where's Maya? I can't find her."

Mum came out of the kitchen.

"I haven't seen her," she said. "Have a look around your bedroom."

Aneeta looked everywhere in her room and Nanda came up to help her. Pretty soon mum was searching in all the rooms downstairs. They even looked in the garden, but Maya was nowhere to be found and now Aneeta was getting very upset. Then she heard the front door opening. It was dad arriving home from work. Aneeta ran to her father.

"I can't find Maya," she said and she began to cry. She cried loudly and dad picked her up. Aneeta cried and sobbed and sniffed. She was so sad to have lost her favourite doll.

Dad carried Aneeta into the room and sat down on the sofa with her. Nanda came in too and sat on the floor. Aneeta was crying as loudly as ever.

"Now listen. You have to calm down so that we can think about this. I'm sure if we put



our thinking caps on we'll be able find Maya. But we can't do that unless we can think clearly."

Aneeta listened to her dad and that helped her to stop crying. She still sobbed a bit, but she was much calmer now.

"Can you remember when you saw Maya last?" asked Nanda.

"That's a very good place to start thinking," said dad.

"Did you have Maya when you woke up this morning?"

Aneeta had to think hard. "I can't remember," she said.

"We were late waking up," said Nanda, "I can remember mum had to shout up the stairs to tell us to hurry up."

"Oh I remember," Aneeta said, "and I don't think Maya was there, because I always sit her on my pillow when I go to the bathroom."

"So it looks as though you didn't have her with you when you went to bed," said dad.

"But I always take Maya to bed!" said Aneeta.

Just then mum came into the room.

"Last night you fell asleep on the sofa after you had your bath and I couldn't wake you up properly to go to bed. Dad had to carry you upstairs."

"Perhaps you left Maya on the sofa last night," said dad. But they had already looked there, even under the cushions, and Maya wasn't there.

"You were very tired last night," said mum, "Nanda too."

"That was because we played a long time with Aimee and Jonathan," said Nanda.

"Of course, I'd nearly forgotten that Aimee and Jonathan came to tea yesterday," said mum. "Did you play with Maya when they were here?"

"We played hide and seek. I hid Maya behind the curtain and Jonathan found her."

“I found her in the cupboard when it was my turn,” said Nanda, “and Jonathan hid her when it was your turn,” she said to Aneeta.

“Yes,” said Aneeta excitedly, “Jonathan hid Maya, but then his mum came for him and he went home and we stopped playing hide and seek. I didn’t look for Maya. I don’t know where he hid her.”

Nanda thought that Aneeta was going to start crying again.

“But that’s alright,” she said. “Mum you can phone Jonathan and ask him where he hid Maya, can’t you?”

And that’s just what they did. And do you know where Maya was hiding? She was in the laundry basket mixed up with all the dirty washing! Aneeta was not very happy about this. But mum said that it was a very nice, soft bed for her, and dad said that you just had to look at her smiley face to see that she had been quite happy there!