

# M20 Leading idea “Looking for alternatives”

The search for alternatives requires an ability related to creative and divergent thinking - thought aimed at new meaning. This new meaning is different from the usual, generalized meaning in a given society. For that reason, the search for alternatives is based on imagination and fueled by different points of view and angles within a research community. It is also an ability aimed at looking for new meanings and solutions.

It is thus an important tool in the world of education in dealing with themes of diversity and cosmopolitanism because, by recognizing and looking for alternatives to our own way of seeing things and acting, we are more open to the Other's points of view and behavior (the Other acts and sees things differently due to origin or culture). Being in the position to look for alternatives helps us clarify our own ideas and be more open to other's ideas. It also helps in stating what we find acceptable or unacceptable in our own behavior and in the Other's behavior. Exercising this ability aids us not only in finding the best way of doing things, but also in looking for solutions to a problem without using the usual options.



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