



Starter Triangle thinking

- Individual
- Pairs
- Small group
- Whole group

Uses: Creative thinking. Helping to plan essays or debates and organise thinking.

Resources: Pre-printed triangle or plain paper. What if? prompts

Time: 15-20 minutes.

What to do:

1. Explain how the triangle works. ie. taking the 'What if?' prompt, record all the positive points, benefits, good things etc. under the Pros triangle. Now move on to the Cons triangle. Record questions or interesting points in the questions triangle. These might come up at any time.
2. Either work an example as a whole group or go straight into small groups
3. Take a 'What if?' prompt and use the triangle to collect ideas and thoughts about it
4. Come to a conclusion about the 'What if?'
5. If time get feedback from the groups.

Make it different:

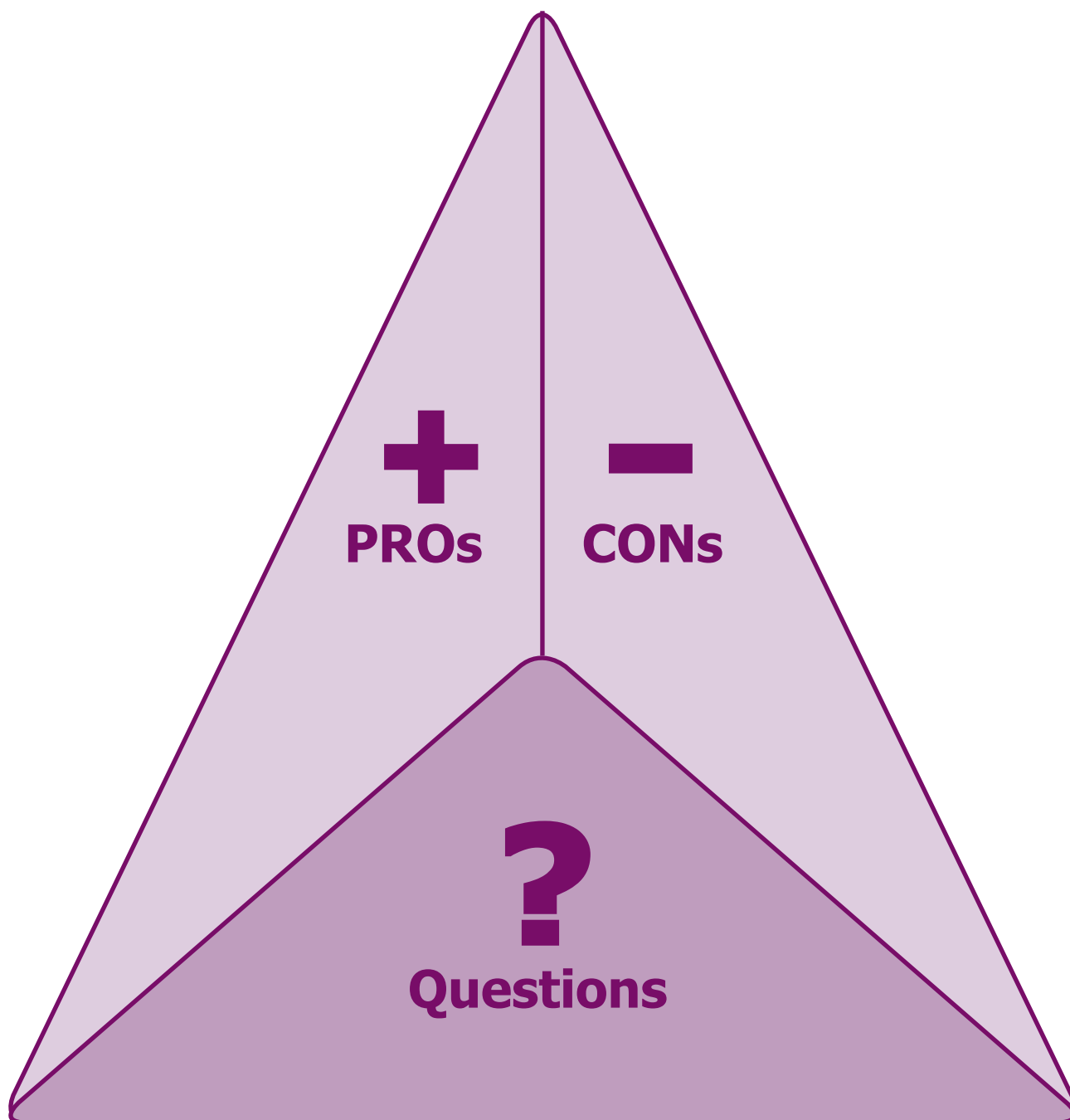
- Ask the participants to develop their own 'What ifs?' and swap between the groups.

Points to make:

- Triangle thinking is a good way of deepening the thinking and weighing up the pros, cons and implications of a decision, thus giving you a multifaceted look at the problem.



Triangle thinking



**WHAT
IF?**

Our clothes changed colour to match our shoes?

**WHAT
IF?**

Everybody had a visible bubble over their heads, so everybody could see what they were thinking?

**WHAT
IF?**

All people who worked were paid the same salary?

**WHAT
IF?**

Cars were banned?

**WHAT
IF?**

Children were paid to go to school?

**WHAT
IF?**

You could only get chocolate on prescription from your doctor?

**WHAT
IF?**

Peas were yellow and tomatoes were blue?

**WHAT
IF?**

The colour red disappeared?

