

REFLECTIVE THINKING

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I live in London for 6 years with my family. I like London, and it gives me everything I need to be happy and live a normal life. I have finished High school in Romania, studying art, design, and painting. Now, I currently work as an Interior Designer, and it makes me really happy and never gets tired of my job. In general my job is to decorate beautiful houses.

Because I realise I want more from myself, I decided to start study on university. My wish is to study Business Management because I want to make my own small and private company, and I want to be able to deal with all the responsibilities it requires. I have to be able to manage people, to deal with finance, marketing, project management, and many more. Moreover, I want to get more skills and knowledge about strategic management and sustainability, personal career development, entrepreneurship as well.

In the first day of school I was pleased to meet the colleagues, I was happy to change my routine but it was a tension because I have to do something new, and worry, if I will be good enough. Most of my peers are very well prepared, hard working people with extensive knowledge of the topics discussed, computers skills, and I realized I need to work hard to feel confident.

Every day being at school, I have realised that means a lot just being present. All courses are so comprehensive and we receive a lot of information every day. Just looking and listening, we understand new and important things. The examples are very helpful to understand better everything. By PowerPoint presentation, we can retain easy the information with the visual help.

The first project and presentation helped us to find the best way to approach it step by step. On the beginning everything was too complicated, we had no idea how to start, we felt confused. Looking for the topic information, we couldn't find a proper resource to guide us throw the process. This made us to be tension in search and despair because we do not understand what to do, because time fly and we have so many other to do at school, home ,with kids, our job projects..

To understand better what was wrong and where we made mistakes, we have to learn by solving problems and reflecting on our experiences. We have to look for good strategies what we found once to use. Writing as a mode of learning can be very efficient. As learning tools, writing exercises are valuable because they help students think critically about course material while encouraging them to grasp, organize, and integrate prior knowledge with new concepts.

On academic skills module I have discovered that we need to find trusted resources and enough information first. All the time we try to ask one another if we cannot understand certain things and looking for answers. The hardest part that I have found is to work in groups. Team work in the class is very difficult, also can be difficult at work but at our jobs being aware of the contributions we have it is much easier to achieve the same goal. In here everything is much complicated because we were unsure all the time. I found it impossible to help each other, especially when we knew nothing

concrete. All we are different, some of us care about everything, others are indifferent, perfectionists start labelling the other ones and they start to divide because they think they will lose important points in the end. What I have discovered there are four styles of learning.

Activists are that people who enjoy doing new things all the time, are having open minds and can achieve a lot in a short time.

Reflectors are the thinkers, the ones who are observing from the back different point of views, listening everyone first and in the end they came with their own conclusion.

Theorists are the analytical people. They are objective, perfectionist and detached. Their observations are like schemes, theories.

Pragmatists are practical people. They are excited to try new ideas, prefer the concept that can be applied easily in practice. They enjoy problem solved and decision making.

All in total, the best way to success is essential to have a good balance of all four learning style (Google Books,2016).

I prefer working by myself because I'm able to get a lot more done and not have to worry about other people forgetting their part of the project. I don't like having to worry about other people not following through. I also learned that looking at the daily record in advanced helped me.

In presentation, for the beginning everything looks good. I made a plan for few minutes, the important subjects, their order to present them and the conclusion. I felt enough confident till I have to come in front of everyone. For few seconds I lost all my mind. Closing my eyes I could feel is no one around me and all the presentation come back in my mind. My colleague who evaluate my presentation, helps me a lot to understand that I made a good presentation but of course I have to work much more for a professional one in the future. Learning is the process whereby knowledge is created through the transformation of experience. In Kolb vision thinking and feelings are two variable what cannot work on the same axis together (McLeod, 2008). Thinking and feeling make difficult the process of making choices. A decision if it is based on feelings will not be the same objective like one what it is based on thinking. In theory one person learn in four stages through a cycle. First experience or reinterpretation of an existing experience will be followed by the observation and reflection of the new experience which will lead to abstract concepts.

Making analysis the conclusions will be used to testing hypothesis in future situations, resulting in new experiences.

Reflecting on our experiences we can better understand our strengths and weakness acknowledgement of our failure and learn how we can manage them in future.

"It is not sufficient simply to have an experience in order to learn. Without reflecting upon this experience it may quickly be forgotten, or its learning potential lost. It is from the feelings and thoughts emerging from this reflection that generalisations or concepts can be generated. And it is generalisations that allow new situations to be tackled effectively". (Gibbs 1988)

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Peer Evaluation Role Play Feedback Form

Name of Presenter ASINA BADALE Date 11/12/2019

Activity: STORE MANAGER

	Poor	OK	Good	Excellent
Introduction (Explanation)			✓	
Presentation (practical demonstration)				✓
Conclusion (how well can you carry out the activity?)				✓

Any other comments

Good introduction, good solving skills,
good conclusion, good attitude
Although she has lost the idea for
one second, she managed to carry out
making a good presentation

Signed:

[Signature]

Date: 11/12/2019

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