

Open Mind

If you describe someone as **open-minded**, you approve of them because they are willing to listen to and consider other people's ideas and suggestions.

Usually the phrase “open mind” means something simple — that someone suspends judgment on a particular issue at hand, that someone not rely on a standard viewpoint.

“A mind is like a parachute. It doesn't work if it is not open.”

Frank Zappa

Benefits:

Open-mindedness is a **great trait** to have. Why?

- ✓ You can learn from the ideas of others and come up with better own ideas. It fosters creativity.
- ✓ You're more open to explore various topics, which can result in new hobbies, passions, and friendships.
- ✓ It's related to going out of comfort zone and trying out new things. As a result you become more adaptable to new situations and environments.
 - ✓ It helps you to become a more interesting person. If you're open-minded, then you probably have knowledge about a variety of topics. It's great for discussions and socializing.

Open mind versus closed mind (1)

Open-minded people are more curious about why there is disagreement.

They take time to consider the other person's views.

They don't get angry or upset at questions.

Open-minded people genuinely believe they could be wrong;

Open-minded people see disagreement as a thoughtful means to expand their knowledge.

Open mind versus closed mind (2)

Closed-minded people don't want their ideas challenged.

They think people who ask questions are slowing them down.

Closed-minded people focus much more on being understood than on understanding others.

And they think anyone else is an “idiot” if he/she does not agree with them, with their opinions

Tips for open mind

- ✓ Ask tons of questions
- ✓ Visit new people and places
- ✓ Ask for ideas and proposals
- ✓ Show continued learning (and encourage others to do it, too)
- ✓ Challenge your routine!

Entrepreneurship and being open mind

Being an entrepreneur means to:

- ✓ welcome new ideas and diverse perspectives
 - ✓ be open to experimentation
- ✓ see more opportunities ahead of him/her
 - ✓ find better solutions to problems
- ✓ vary viewpoints.

