

Creativity Quotations

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**Creativity is the ability to
illustrate what is outside the
box from within the box** Unknown

The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.

Albert Einstein

**In the middle of difficulty lies
opportunity**

Albert Einstein

**The only limits to our
realisation of tomorrow will be
our doubts of today**

F. Roosevelt

**Everyone thinks of changing
the world ,but no one thinks
of challenging himself**

Leo Tolstoi

**An idea is a feat of
association**

Robert Frost

**Don't be afraid of new ideas.
Be afraid of old ideas. They
keep you where you are and
stop you from growing and
moving forward. Concentrate
on where you want to go, not
on what you fear.**

Anthony Robbins

The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.

Michalangelo

**If you want a definition of
water, don't ask a fish**

Chinese proverb

The best way to get good ideas is to get lots of ideas and throw away the bad ones.

Linus Pauling – Nobel prize winner

A new idea is delicate. It can be killed by a sneer or a yawn. It can be stabbed to death by a joke or worried death by a frown on the wrong persons brow.

Charles Browder

Ideas are like rabbits. You get a couple and learn how to handle them, and pretty soon you have a dozen

John Steinbeck

New ideas come from differences

Nicholas Negroponte

**Like lots of breakthroughs,
the Fosbury Flop (now the
standard in high jumping)
looked strange the first time
you saw it. Really strange**

Tom Kelly Olympic CC

How often have we declared a task impossible? A great deal depends upon the thought patterns we choose and on the persistence with which we affirm them.

Pierro Ferrucci

The best innovators aren't lone geniuses. They are people who can take an idea that's obvious in one context and apply it in not so obvious ways to a different context

Harvard Business review

**If at first the idea is not
absurd, then there is no hope
for it**

Albert Einstein

It is better to have enough ideas for some of them to be wrong, than to always be right by having no ideas at all.

Edward de Bono

**In theory there is no
difference between theory and
practice. In practice there is.**

Jan van Snepecheut

When you have a result you expect, you have a another result; but when you have a result you don't expect you have a discovery

Frank Westheimer

**I have not failed, I have merely
found ten thousand ways that
won't work.**

Thomas Edison

**Those who say it cannot be
done should not interrupt
those who are doing it**

Chinese proverb

**I can't understand why people
are frightened by new ideas;
I'm frightened by old ones.**

John Cage

“Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine and at last you create what you will.”

G B Shaw

“Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.”

Scott Adams

**Every child is an artist.
The problem is how to
remain an artist once he
grows up.**

Pablo Picasso

**To live a creative life, we
must lose our fear of
being wrong.**

J Pearce

**Creativity involves
breaking out of
established patterns in
order to look at things in
a different way**

Ed Bono

**Creativity can be
described as letting go of
certainties.**

Gail Sheeley

I don't live in the past at all; I'm always wanting to do something new. I make a point of constantly trying to forget and get things out of my mind.

Brian Eno

**It's not the destination
that matters. It's the
change of scene.**

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the problem is staying an
artist when you grow up.**

Pablo Picasso

**If you hear a voice within
you say "you cannot
paint", then by all means
paint,
and that voice will be
silenced**

Vincent van Gogh

“Curiosity about life in all of its aspects, I think, is still the secret of great creative people”

Leo Burnett

**“You can’t wait for
inspiration,
You have to go after it
with a club”**

Jack London

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George Bernard Shaw

**“Think left and think
right
and think low and think
high
Oh, the thinks you can
think up
if only you try!”**

Dr Seuss

**Creativity comes from a
conflict of ideas”**

Donatella Versace

“Don’t think. Thinking is the enemy of creativity. It’s self-conscious and anything self-conscious is lousy. You can’t try to do things, you simply must do things”

Ray Bradbury

“Creativity is connecting things. When you ask creative people how they did something, they feel a little guilty because they didn’t really do it, they just saw something. It seemed obvious them after a while.” Steve Jobs

**You see things; and you
say, "Why?"**

**But I dream things that
were never there; and I
say, "Why not?"**

George Bernard Shaw

**“Creativity is contagious,
pass it on”**

Albert Einstein

"Out of clutter, find simplicity. From discord, find harmony. In the middle of difficulty, find opportunity."

Albert Einstien

"Let yourself be silently drawn by the stronger pull of what you really love."

Rumi

**Perfection is a goal that
guarantees failure."**

Sheldon Kopp

**It, (creativity) requires
an inclination to step into
the unknown, as well as
the ability to persist
when there is no end in
sight."**

Shaun McNif

**"I merely took the
energy it takes to pout
and wrote some blues."**

Duke Ellington

**"When nothing is sure,
everything is possible."**

Margaret Atwood

"You can't plan for a seizure of feeling, and for this reason I put everything aside when I am inspired."

May Sarton

"Often nothing good is accomplished at the first attack. One takes a rest, and then all of a sudden the decisive idea presents itself to the mind."

Henri Poincare

**"The creative spirit
demands persistence."**

Shaun McNiff

**“Creativity is the defeat
of habit by originality.”**

Arthur Koestler

**"I believe the best part
of your work has to be
unconscious."**

Louis Malle

**"We live within the
process of creation just
as much as it exists
within us."**

Shaun McNiff

**"Creativity is the
marriage humanity
makes with eternity."**

Eric Maisel

**"Snowmen fall from
Heaven unassembled."**

Unknown

**"The only reason for time
is so that everything
doesn't happen at once."**

Albert Einstein

"Creativity is a type of learning process where the teacher and the pupil are located in the same individual."

Arthur Koestler

**"Creativity requires the
courage to let go of
certainties."**

Erich Fromm

"There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly."

Buckminster Fuller

“A wonderful harmony is created when we join together the seemingly unconnected”

Heraclitus

**“As soon as you have
made a thought – laugh
at it”**

Lao Tzu

**“Every act of creation is
at first an act of
destruction”**

Picasso

**“Nothing is more
dangerous than an idea
when it’s the only one
you have”**

Emile Chartier

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**It is easier to tone down a wild
idea than to think up a new
one**

Alex Osbourne

**Change only favours minds
that are diligently looking and
preparing for discovery**

Louie Pasteur

**Even if you are on the right
track, you will get run over if
you just stand there**

Will Rogers

**Inspiration could be called
inhaling the memory of an act
never experienced**

Ned Rorem

Necessity is the mother of invention, it is true – but it's father is creativity, and knowledge is the midwife.

Jonathan Schattke

**Imagination is the beginning
of creation**

George Bernard Shaw

**Every exit is the entry to
somewhere else**

Tom Stoppard

**Discovery consists of seeing
what everyone has seen and
thinking what nobody has
thought**

Albert Gyorgyl

Creativity consists of coming up with many ideas, not just that one great idea.

Charles Thomson

The man with a new idea is a crank – until the idea succeeds.

Mark Twain

**A haunch is creativity trying
to tell you something**

**An idea can turn to dust or
magic, depending upon the
talent that rubs against it**

**No matter how old you get if
you can keep the desire to be
creative, you're keeping the
inner child alive**

John Cassavetes

**One sees great things from
the valley, only small things
from the peak**

G Chesterton

Creative thinking is not a talent, it is a skill that can be learnt.

Edward de Bono

**It is better to have enough
ideas for some to be wrong,
than to be always right by
having no ideas at all**

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Creativity is the most important resource of all. Without creativity there would be no progress, and we would forever be repeating the same old patterns

■ Edward de Bono

**Intelligence we are born with.
Thinking is a skill that must
be learnt**

Edward de Bono

**Every great advance in
science has issued from a
new audacity of imagination**

John Dewey

**Genius is one percent
imagination and ninety-nine
percent perspiration**

Thomas Edison

Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge points to what we already know and understand, imagination points to all we might yet discover and create.

Albert Einstein

Children between the ages of 2 and 7 are very imaginative. This is the best period for developing imagination, creativity and thinking abilities.

Chiam Heng Keng

**“Never forget that only dead
fish swim with the stream”**

Malcolm Muggeridge

**I cannot teach anybody
anything, I can only make
them think**

Socrates

**If you want to change you
have to be prepared to think
differently**

Unknown

Tell me and I'll forget
Show me and I'll remember
Involve me and I'll understand

Chinese Proverb

**The opposite of play is not
work but depression**

Unknown

**Play is the highest form of
research**

Unknown