

Thinking Tool

PROBLEMS, ISSUES, OPTIONS, EFFECTS, SOLUTION

When you are faced with solving a **Problem**, to solve it well

- you need to break it down into the **Issues** that need to be addressed
- then consider what **Options** you have to sort out each issue
- you then can investigate what are the **Effects** of choosing each option
- you are then in a position to consider all of the aspects of the problem to develop a **Solution**

PROBLEM - describe the problem in your own words and what you already know about it.

ISSUE - what needs to be solved?

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OPTIONS - what can you do?

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SOLUTION - describe your Solution to the Problem