# What are we discussing?

# From my perspective, my opening statement is …

| Hats and Descriptions |
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| (White Hat) | **Detective Hat*** Questions
* Analyzes
* *What info is needed?*
* *What facts do we know?*
 | (Green Hat) | **Creative Hat*** Thinks outside the box
* Imagines
* *What new ideas do we have?*
* *What creative solutions are there?*
 | (Yellow Hat) | **Optimistic Hat*** Finds the value
* Considers the pros of ideas
* *Why is this idea useful?*
* *How can one benefit from the idea?*
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| (Red Hat) | **Thoughtful Hat*** Thinks with one’s heart
* Shares gut instincts and hunches
* *How do I feel about this?*
* *How might our decision make others feel?*
 | (Black Hat) | **Cautious Hat*** Plays devil’s advocate
* Identifies potential risks/concerns/cons
* What difficulties might arise?
* *Is this actually going to work?*
 | (Blue Hat) | **Conductor Hat*** Listens
* Summarizes
* *How do we stay on track?*
* *How does this move us toward our goal?*
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