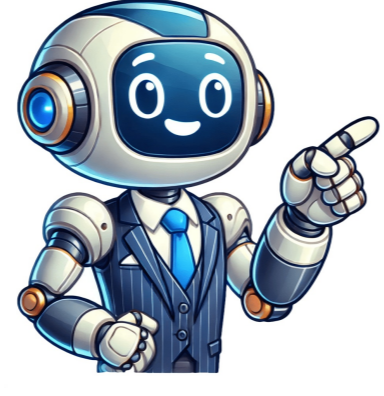


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Try to see the problem that you are facing from a completely different angle.You can do this by explaining the issue to someone else, or mapping it out. Find an analogy to the problem that you are trying to solve.Making Wise DecisionsThe brain's deliberate system likes to take shortcuts. Take note of when that is happening. Signs of your brain taking shortcuts include when statements that with "It's obviously right", "It's obviously wrong", "let's just stick with what we know", "there is only one real option".Cross-check your questions by:Playing the devil's advocateMandating dissentNever say neverConducting a pre-mortem. Ask yourself: "If this goes wrong what will have caused that?"Watch out for your own tiredness. When tired, take some time off and rejuvenate. 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