



Quality Quick Sheet



If You Want To:	Expand Your Thinking	Gather Ideas	Group Ideas	Connect Ideas	Sequence Steps	Draw A Picture of Data	Track Facts	Get Group Consensus	Solve Problems And Make Decisions
	Brain-storming	Affinity Diagram	Affinity Diagram	Fishbone Diagram	Flowchart	Histogram	Check Sheet	Light Voting	PDSA
These tools may be	Brain- Writing	Brain-storming	Fishbone Diagram	Relations Diagram	Action Plan	Run Chart	Line Graph	Nominal Group Technique	Force Field
helpful:	Nominal Group Technique	Lotus Diagram	Lotus Diagram	Radar		Pareto Diagram		Consensogram	Fishbone Diagram
	Affinity Diagram	Checksheet	Consensogram	Scatter Diagram		Radar			Radar
		Survey				Control Chart			Pareto Diagram
		Questionnaire							Tree Diagram
		Focus Group							Decision Matrix
		Interview							
		Issue Bin							



QUALITY TOOL	DESCRIPTION					
Affinity Diagram	Relationship or similarity; brainstormed ideas are sorted into categories that have a relationship to each other. Good for assessing prior knowledge, vocabulary awareness, or concept attainment.					
Bar Chart	Visual display of data; also called histogram; can be a Pareto diagram.					
Brainstorming	Used to generate a large number of ideas in a short period of time. Participants call out ideas-no evaluation or judgement should be made-all ideas are recorded.					
Brainwriting	Nonverbal brainstorming when team members write ideas on sheets of paper, then exchange papers and write more ideas.					
Cause-and-Effect Chart	See Fishbone diagram.					
Check Sheet	Tool to organize data collection. Often organized in rows or columns, with data occurrences checked off or tallied.					
Consensogram	Used to identify knowledge or opinions of a group on certain concepts or issues.					
Decision Matrix	Used to help people see the value of individual components involved in a decision.					
Fishbone Diagram	Helps discern contributing factors to an outcome or problem. Also know as cause-and-effect diagrams. Causes are recorded on the bones of fish - effect in the head. Also used to develop whole-part relationships, i.e. novel elements, event & elements that contributed to it.					
Flowchart	Visual documentation of a process. Shows step-by-step approach to a specific process by using symbols to denote tasks, decisions, and stages. Can be general process or deployment (specific roles assigned to tasks).					
Focus Group	Type of survey - used to gather attitudes and concerns from a small group, usually randomly selected. Interview takes notes on responses.					
Force Field Analysis	A problem-solving tool used to analyze driving and restraining forces that surround a proposed change.					
Histogram	Bar chart that provides visual representation of data. Bars are arranged in order with respect to time, size, volume, etc.					
Interview	Type of survey - used to gather open-ended responses, either face-to-face or by phone, from a small group.					
Issue Bin	Captures ideas/questions that deserve further clarification or discussion at a later or more appropriate time. Also called bin or parking lot.					
Light Voting	Way to determine consensus by allowing team members to cast weighted votes to designate items with their greatest support. Total number of points for a item determines which item to choose. Related to nominal group technique.					
Line Graph	Also know as run chart.					
Lotus Diagram	Organizes and breaks down broad topics into components. Done on folded paper - nine squares. Each of the exterior squares can be further broken down into 9 subtopic squares. (called a mega lotus)					
Nominal Group Technique	Way to determine consensus by allowing team member to cast weighted votes to designate their greatest support. Total number of "hits" an iter gets (not weight of vote) determines items to choose. Related to light voting.					
Pareto Diagram	A bar chart giving a visual representation of data in order of its frequency (greatest to least). Highest bar represents priority action item.					
PDSA Cycle	Plan-Do-Study-Act, a cycle that reflects continuous improvement. Uses the scientific method in relation to systemic improvement and proble solving.					
Questionnaire	Type of survey - used to collect data from a large group. Can be open response (short answers) or based on a continuum form negative to positive.					
Radar	Gives a picture of the strengths and weaknesses of a system. Performance is rated on spokes around a hub. Points are connected to form a visual interpretation of results.					
Relations Diagram	A pictorial representation of the cause-and-effect relationships among elements of a problem or issue.					
Run Chart	A line graph of data plotted over time.					
Scatter Diagram	Graph showing the relationship between two factors. The pattern formed by the plotted dots help to analyze causes and indicates if a true relationship exists.					
Survey	Used to collect knowledge/opinions of a targeted group. Can be written, phone, or face-to-face. Used to discover customers' views (external and internal) of supplier's performance.					
Tree Diagram	Identifies actions to solve a problem or implement a solution. Moves thinking from broad goals to specifics. Answers the question: How can the be accomplished?					