

## Resource 18: Purposes of education grid

Consider the following list of possible purposes of education (you may wish to modify the list or to add your own purposes):

1. Developing a sense of self.
2. Becoming a spiritual and moral person.
3. Learning how to learn.
4. Becoming a citizen and community member.
5. Academic success.
6. Employability.
7. Psychological and physical well being.
8. An international perspective.

Prioritise the list above by inserting the number of the single most important purpose at the top and arrange the other numbers around it.

This exercise is known as the diamond nine. Its purpose is to force you to prioritise the purposes and to establish their relative significance. You'll need to identify the one, overarching purpose and then those that are most closely related. Clearly, the further down the diamond you go, the less significance you attach to that purpose.

The diagram is a diamond-shaped grid consisting of nine empty rectangular boxes. The boxes are arranged in four rows: the top row has one box, the second row has two boxes, the third row has three boxes, and the bottom row has one box. This layout forms a diamond shape, with the top box at the apex and the bottom box at the base. The boxes are intended for users to place numbers from 1 to 9, representing the relative significance of different purposes of education.