

Diagnose

Ways of de-emphasising this voice:

- 1. Over-analysing is a risk for those who like to diagnose. Limit how much time you allow yourself to spend in this mode.
- 2. When offering a diagnosis, check with your listeners whether or not they are finding that it is helping to clarify and develop understanding. Diagnosis is digested at the pace of the listener.
- 3. Beware not to project your interpretations on to others, especially your interpretations *of* others.
- 4. Invite others to input facts and data which will serve to 'ground' and provide a reality-check on your models and interpretations.
- 5. Reflect and solicit feedback on whether you have particular 'favourite' models and frameworks which you might be over-using. There is more risk in having too narrow a range of available perspective than in having too many.
- 6. Use a balance of the 'exploring' modes (Inquire; Diagnose; Probe) to avoid a possible narrowness in understanding situations that may need to be resolved.