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## **Group Exercise MT1.2\_5: Lateral Thinking Puzzle:**

Facilitator: Let's delve into the fascinating world of lateral thinking. I'll present a lateral thinking puzzle to illustrate the need for thinking beyond the obvious.

Scenario: A man walks into a restaurant and orders albatross soup. After one spoonful, he stands up, walks outside, and shoots himself. Why did he do this?

**Solution:** 

Explanation: The man was stranded on a deserted island with another person. They had no food except for an albatross. When a rescue team arrived, the man recognized the rescuers' recipe for albatross soup, which reminded him of the traumatic experience of survival on the island. Unable to cope with the memories, he took extreme action.

This puzzle demonstrates the need for lateral thinking to unravel a scenario that may seem perplexing at first glance.

Facilitator: Now, let's put lateral thinking into practice with a hands-on exercise. Each group will receive a lateral thinking puzzle. Your task is to collaboratively explore unconventional and creative solutions.

## **Lateral Thinking Exercise:**

Scenario: You find yourself in a room with no doors or windows. How do you escape?

**Encouragement:** 

Reminder: There's no single correct answer. The goal is to explore various possibilities and think beyond the conventional.



Attachment to MT1.2\_5 Task 2.2



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## **Group Activity:**

Participants work together to generate innovative ideas for escaping the room without doors or windows.

Sharing and Reflection:

Each group shares their creative solutions and thought processes.

Reflect on how lateral thinking allows for unconventional problem-solving.

This hands-on practice aims to immerse participants in the lateral thinking process, fostering creativity and encouraging them to explore unconventional solutions to challenges. Enjoy the journey of thinking sideways!



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