

Unit 11: Vocabulary B



Read about Marta's experience with the puzzle. Choose the correct option for each item. Did you have a similar experience? Discuss with a partner.

1. After reading the puzzle, I quickly ran through a lot of ideas that didn't work. Soon I reached a(n) **impasse / breakthrough** and felt "stuck."
☐ impasse
☐ breakthrough
2. I had run out of ideas. I then chose one of the ideas and tried to make it work. I **frustrated / fixated** on the idea and returned to it again and again, even though it clearly wasn't working.
☐ frustrated
☐ fixated
3. I couldn't come up with new ideas and felt **insight / frustrated**.
☐ insight
☐ frustrated
4. At this **stage / breakthrough**, I paused for a few moments and took a break.
☐ stage
☐ breakthrough
5. My mind was **wandering / faulty** a bit and even though I still had the puzzle in the back of my mind, I found myself easily distracted.
☐ wandering
☐ faulty
6. It felt as if my mind was clearing itself of **frustrated / faulty** ideas.
☐ frustrated
☐ faulty
7. In a flash, everything changed. I experienced an "aha moment." I had a sudden **breakthrough / impasse** and the answer to the puzzle came to mind.
☐ breakthrough
☐ impasse