

3 CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

- ✓ **A** Which statement best describes the main idea of the article?
- Lateral thinking is the best way to solve a problem.
 - Lateral thinking helps you make assumptions.
 - Lateral thinking might help you to solve problems.

- ✓ **B** Read the Reading Skill. Circle the correct answer.
- Where is the definition of lateral thinking?
a. Lines 4-6 b. Lines 7-8 c. Lines 16-18
 - Where does the writer explain how lateral thinking is different from other ways of thinking?
a. Lines 6-8 b. Lines 7-11 c. Lines 24-26
 - Where is an example of lateral thinking?
a. Lines 11-16 b. Lines 19-23 c. Lines 28-46

READING SKILL Understand extended definitions

Writers often provide extended definitions to explain important or difficult ideas. They can do this by providing:

- dictionary definitions
- differences from other ideas
- examples

- ✓ **C** Read the Reading Skill again. Circle the correct answer.
- What does lateral thinking mean?
 - thinking in a creative way
 - taking a direct approach to problems
 - asking questions about a situation
 - Lateral thinking is different from ____.
 - problem solving
 - logical, step-by-step thinking
 - thinking outside the box
 - What is an example of lateral thinking?
 - making an assumption
 - solving a situation puzzle
 - asking a yes / no question
 - Why are situation puzzles difficult?
 - People think the solution is too obvious.
 - People add their own information.
 - People don't understand the problem.
- D** **FOCUS ON LANGUAGE** Reread lines 9-11 in the article. Think about the phrase *step-by-step*. Circle the correct answer.
- The expression *step-by-step* means ____.
- a way that helps you finish quickly
 - a new and different way
 - a way of doing something in a certain order