3 CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

A Which statement best describes the main idea of the article?

a. Lateral thinking is the best way to solve a problem.
b. Lateral thinking helps you make assumptions.
c. Lateral thinking might help you to solve problems.

B Read the Reading Skill. Circle the correct answer.

1. Where is the definition of lateral thinking?
   a. Lines 4–6 b. Lines 7–8 c. Lines 16–18
2. 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
3. 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.

1. What does lateral thinking mean?
   a. thinking in a creative way
   b. taking a direct approach to problems
   c. asking questions about a situation
2. Lateral thinking is different from ___.
   a. problem solving
   b. logical, step-by-step thinking
   c. thinking outside the box
3. What is an example of lateral thinking?
   a. making an assumption
   b. solving a situation puzzle
   c. asking a yes / no question
4. Why are situation puzzles difficult?
   a. People think the solution is too obvious.
   b. People add their own information.
   c. 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. a way that helps you finish quickly
b. a new and different way
c. a way of doing something in a certain order

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