

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