

Use this template in your own brainstorming sessions so your team can unleash their imagination and start shaping concepts even if you're not sitting in the same room.

- 🕒 10 minutes to prepare
- 🕒 1 hour to collaborate
- 👤 2-8 people recommended




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Before you collaborate

A little bit of preparation goes a long way with this session. Here's what you need to do to get going

🕒 10 minutes

-  **Team gathering**
Define who should participate in the session and send an invite. Share relevant information or pre-work ahead.
-  **Set the goal**
Think about the problem you'll be focusing on solving in the brainstorming session.
-  **Learn how to use the facilitation tools**
Use the Facilitation Superpowers to run a happy and productive session.

1
Define your problem statement
What problem are you trying to solve? Frame your problem as a How Might We statement. This will be the focus of your brainstorm.







5 minutes

PROBLEM

How can we detect active drowning in swimming pools to save people's life with the help of lifeguards?



Key rules of brainstorming

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|  | Stay in topic. |  | Encourage wild ideas. |
|  | Defer judgment. |  | Listen to others. |
|  | Go for volume. |  | If possible, be visual. |

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Brainstorm

Write down any ideas that come to mind that address your problem statement.

 10 minutes

TIP You can select a sticky note and hit the pencil [switch to sketch] icon to start drawing!



3 Group ideas

Take turns sharing your ideas while clustering similar or related notes as you go. In the last 10 minutes, give each cluster a sentence-like label. If a cluster is bigger than six sticky notes, try and see if you and break it up into smaller sub-groups.

 20 minutes

P Add customizable tags to stick notes to make it easier to find, browse, organize, and categorize important ideas as themes within your mural.




4 Prioritize

Your team should all be on the same page about what's important moving forward. Place your ideas on this grid to determine which ideas are important and which are feasible.

 20 minutes

Importance
If each of these tasks could get done without any difficulty or cost, which would have the most positive impact?

TIP  Participants can use their cursors to point at where sticky notes should go on the grid. The facilitator can confirm the spot by using the laser pointer holding the H key on the keyboard.

 Feasibility

Regardless of their importance, which tasks are more feasible than others? (Cost, time, effort, complexity, etc.)

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After you collaborate

You can export the mural as an image or pdf to share with members of your company who might find it helpful.

Quick add-ons

- A** **Share the mural**
Share a view link to the mural with stakeholders to keep them in the loop about the outcomes of the session.
- B** **Export the mural**
Export a copy of the mural as a PNG or PDF to attach to emails, include in slides, or save in your drive.

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