

# Ideation Phase

## Brainstorm & Idea Prioritization Template


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Brainstorming provides a free and open environment that encourages everyone within a team to participate in the creative thinking process that leads to problem solving. Prioritizing volume over value, out-of-the-box ideas are welcome and built upon, and all participants are encouraged to collaborate, helping each other develop a rich amount of creative solutions.

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Reference: <https://www.mural.co/templates/empathy-map-canvas>

### Step-1: Team Gathering, Collaboration and Select the Problem Statement



## Brainstorm & idea prioritization

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🕒 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

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A **Team gathering**  
Define who should participate in the session and send an invite. Share relevant information or pre-work ahead.

B **Set the goal**  
Think about the problem you'll be focusing on solving in the brainstorming session.

C **Learn how to use the facilitation tools**  
Use the Facilitation Superpowers to run a happy and productive session.

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#### 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

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PROBLEM

How might we [your problem statement]?



#### Key rules of brainstorming

To run a smooth and productive session

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

## Step-2: Brainstorm, Idea Listing and Grouping

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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 icon to start drawing!

Amar

Yuktesh

Person 3

Person 4

Person 5

Person 6

Person 7

Person 8

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### 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 can break it up into smaller sub-groups.

20 minutes

Person 4

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

## Step-3: Idea Prioritization

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### 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

