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LATERAL THINKING

- Lateral thinking questions are not exact puzzles, i.e. there is no one exact answer for these questions.
- Though there are so many possible answers, only one answer truly satisfies the given puzzle.
- Questions and answers along with clues are provided to let you test your lateral thinking capability.
- These are a combination of storytelling and puzzling questions.



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- You may not be able to solve these puzzles directly without clues because the information in the puzzle is not complete.
- Clues are designed in such a way that there are only three possible answers to clues i.e. “yes”, “no”, “Irrelevant”.
- After using clues, your thinking will move to new direction i.e. lateral direction. That’s why these are called as lateral thinking puzzles.
- So, let’s stop the crap and get started with lateral thinking questions and answers.

A woman had a pet goldfish which she loved very dearly. One day she noticed that it was swimming feebly in its bowl and it looked very unwell. She rushed to the vet with her prized pet and he told her to come back in an hour. When she returned she found the goldfish swimming strongly and looking healthy again. How had the vet managed this?



Little Billy was four years old and both his parents were dead. His guardian put him on a train to send him to a new home in the country. Billy could neither read nor write nor remember the address, so a large label on a string was secured around his neck clearly indicating Billy's name and destination. However, despite the best efforts and kindness of the railway staff, Billy never arrived at his new home. Why?



A woman walked up to a man behind a counter and handed him a book. He looked at it and said, "That will be four dollars." She paid the man and then walked out without the book. He saw her leave without it but did not call her back. How come?



Why is it that, in general, the hair on a man's head goes grey before the hair in his moustache does?



Two naturalists were walking in the country. They were both keen to protect the environment and to conserve nature and wildlife.

One said to the other, "I was impressed by the way that you hit that bird." The second replied, "Yes, it was good, but not as good as that large bird that you hit earlier."
What were they talking about?



**A man was drinking a cup of tea
when he was suddenly
blinded. How?**



A man was slowly counting but unfortunately
he miscounted.
A little later he suffered a sharp pain in his back.
Why?



John was watching television. Just after the midnight news here was a weather forecast: lilt is raining now and will rain for the next two days. However, in 72 hours it will be bright and sunny." "Wrong again," snorted John. He was correct but how did he know?



Let us agree that at the North Pole it is impossible to look north
and at the South Pole it is impossible to look south.
Then, where in the world would you be if you could
look north and south but could not look east or west?

