

Understanding project methodologies

Categorization exercise

Agile / Scrum, Waterfall, or Lean Six Sigma?

Categorize each project characteristic by dragging it to the appropriate area. Or, use the plus sign to choose a category.

You’ve categorized everything.

Agile / Scrum

Receptive to change ✓

Teams share responsibility for managing their own work ✓

Tests products in the field and regularly implements improvements ✓

Planning happens in short iterations to deliver value quickly ✓

Time is organized into “Sprints” with a set list of deliverables ✓

Waterfall

Project phases are clearly defined. They typically do not overlap or repeat. ✓

Follows a mostly linear path through the project phases. ✓

Project deliverables and plans are well-established and documented early on ✓

Project manager is an active leader who prioritizes and assigns tasks to the team ✓

Change is often difficult to manage once the project begins ✓

Lean Six Sigma

Aims to eliminate 8 areas of waste ✓

Primarily uses a Kanban scheduling system to manage production ✓

Ideal for fixing complex or high-risk problems ✓

Uses the 5S quality tool ✓

