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## Lateral Thinking Puzzles

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3. A man goes into a restaurant, orders albatross, takes one bite, and shoots himself. Why?
4. A man pushes a car around a small structure and loses everything. What happened?
5. A music conductor is found dead in his car in a deserted area with no obvious wounds. The radio is on. What killed him?
6. A man enters his house and sees that his wife is dead and the house is on fire. He knows immediately who set the fire. How?
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## Lateral Thinking - Answers

1. A man walks into a bar and asks for a glass of water. The bartender pulls out a gun. The man says "thank you" and leaves. Why?

Answer: The man had hiccups; the bartender used the surprise to cure them, and the water was no longer needed.
2. Anthony and Cleopatra lie dead on the floor in a pool of water and broken glass. There are no marks on either body. How did they die?

Answer: They are goldfish whose bowl was knocked over.
3. A man goes into a restaurant, orders albatross, takes one bite, and shoots himself. Why?

Answer: He had survived a shipwreck on supposed albatross meat that was actually his friend; tasting real albatross now reveals the truth.
4. A man pushes a car around a small structure and loses everything. What happened?

Answer: He landed on a hotel-loaded square in Monopoly.
5. A music conductor is found dead in his car in a deserted area with no obvious wounds. The radio is on. What killed him?

Answer: A piece he was rehearsing reaches the percussion-cymbals climax - but the percussionist was attempting it on the conductor?less recording. Carbon monoxide leaked from the vehicle while he sat listening.
6. A man enters his house and sees that his wife is dead and the house is on fire. He knows immediately who set the fire. How?

Answer: He returned to find the kettle still whistling - the house was set on fire to cover up the murder, and only one neighbour had a key.
7. A man is found dead in a field with an unopened package on his back. What is the package?

Answer: A parachute that failed to open.
8. Two men play five games of chess and each wins three games. How is that possible?

Answer: They were not playing each other.