



Lateral Thinking Puzzles

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3. A woman pushes her car to a hotel and tells the owner she is bankrupt. Why?
4. A crow lands on a wire and is electrocuted. There is nothing wrong with the wire. What killed it?
5. 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?
6. A man goes into a restaurant, orders albatross, takes one bite, and shoots himself. Why?
7. A music conductor is found dead in his car in a deserted area with no obvious wounds. The radio is on. What killed him?
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Lateral Thinking - Answers

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Answer: The last person took the basket with the egg still inside.

2. A woman shoots her husband, then holds him under water for over five minutes. Finally, she hangs him. Five minutes later, they enjoy a wonderful dinner together. Explain.

Answer: She is a photographer developing his portrait.

3. A woman pushes her car to a hotel and tells the owner she is bankrupt. Why?

Answer: She is playing Monopoly.

4. A crow lands on a wire and is electrocuted. There is nothing wrong with the wire. What killed it?

Answer: The crow grabbed two wires and completed a circuit.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. A man pushes a car around a small structure and loses everything. What happened?

Answer: He landed on a hotel-loaded square in Monopoly.