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5 powerful questions accessible for any person or moment

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Five questions that move us forward

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Starting something or feeling stuck? Use these 5 powerful questions to make anything better.

In this order or any way they move you forward, over seconds or years.

Look, listen, feel; use words, draw, move, or make. Guesses are fine—just add question marks and go find out!

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Unstick any challenge with your
INNOVATORS’ COMPASS

Topic: ____________________________

With and for everyone involved, explore...

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3. What matters most?
Different, maybe competing things here.
That’s the challenge!

Idea

4. What ways are there?
Different who/what/when/where/hows.
Look around for ideas!

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2. What’s happening? Why?
Details and all sides of what people
are doing, saying, thinking, feeling.

Exploitation

5. What’s a step to try?
Small, with real details so you DO it!

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My Topic: _____________________________

With and for everyone involved, EXPLORE:

1. Who’s involved?
2. What’s happening? Why?
3. What matters most?
4. What ways are there?
5. What’s a step to try?

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**Compass cutouts!** These pieces move us forward in any challenge, big or small. Cut them out. See, feel, use and celebrate them! Put them on a stick if you like.

**Ideas**
What ways are there?

**Principles**
What matters most?

**People**
Who’s involved?

**Observations**
What’s happening? Why?

**Experiments**
What’s a step to try?
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Mini compass cutouts! These pieces move us forward in any challenge, big or small. Use them as game pieces, little stickers, etc.

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People

Who's involved?
Observations

What's happening?

Why?
Principles

What matters most?
Ideas
What ways are there?
Experiments
What’s a step to try?
Inspire un-sticking anywhere with 
INNOVATORS’ COMPASS

Stickers can unstick us!?! Print these as stickers (or buttons) and keep 5 powerful unsticking questions where you and others can see them.
Spin ways forward with INNOVATORS’ COMPASS

Take this Compass for a spin—on real challenges or pretend ones. These 5 powerful questions are shared by lots of creative problem-solving practices. Follow the numbers, try one that seems helpful, or just spin!

1. Who’s involved?
2. What’s happening? Why?
3. What matters most?
4. What ways are there? What’s a step to try?
5. Experiments

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People Finding Better Ways Forward

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1. Who’s involved?
And who might help?

2. What’s happening? Why?
Different sides & real details!

3. What matters most?
Different, maybe competing things?

4. What ways are there?
New who/what/when/where/hows!

5. What’s a step to try?
Think smaller: $1, 1 minute!

TIPS
- Print without scaling for the biggest cube (easier to read!)
- To strengthen your cube, crumple a sheet of paper into a ball and put it in the middle

IDEAS

OBSERVATIONS

PRINCIPLES

MAKE ANYTHING BETTER, USING 5 POWERFUL QUESTIONS WITH EVERYONE INVOLVED

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ROLL FORWARD!

People Finding Better Ways Forward