**Lateral Thinking Scenarios**

**In your small groups, discuss the situation and debate the answer. Determine whether the situation is “newsworthy.”**

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| **Scenario 1**  **A man is found dead alone in a desert wearing a backpack. There are no footprints around him. What happened?** | **Scenario 4**  **A man commits murder. He is found guilty and brought before a judge. The judge decides morally that he cannot sentence the murderer, despite his incontrovertible guilt. The murderer is sane, healthy, and legally culpable. Why must the judge set him free?** |
| **Scenario 2**  **A man is afraid to go home, because he knows waiting for him there is another man -- wearing a mask. What's the situation?** | **Scenario 5**  **A man goes into a pharmacy and talks to the pharmacist. The pharmacist pulls out a gun and points it at the man. They both shake hands and later the man departs satisfied. What happened?** |
| **Scenario 3**  **A boy and his father are caught in a traffic accident, and the father dies. Immediately the boy is rushed to a hospital, suffering from injuries. But the attending surgeon at the hospital, upon seeing the boy, says "I cannot operate. This boy is my son." How is this situation explained?** | **Scenario 6**  **Rico and Rudy are found dead on the floor, amidst a small puddle of water and some broken glass. What happened?** |

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| **Scenario 1:** **The backpack holds a parachute which failed to open. The man had fallen to his death.**  **Scenario 2:** **The murderer is a Siamese (conjoined) twin. The judge cannot jail him without also jailing his innocent twin.**  **Scenario 3:** **It's during a game of baseball. The man is wearing a catcher's mask, and is standing at home plate.**  **Scenario 4:** **The man was suffering from hiccups. The pharmacist pulled out a gun to scare him, and the hiccups were cured.**  **Scenario 5:** **The surgeon is the boy's mother.**  **Scenario 6:** **Rico and Rudy are goldfish. Their goldfish tank had fallen and smashed on the floor.** |