

Defining the Problem

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1	What do we think the problem is? How we define the problem will lead us to different solutions. (If a bird flies into the classroom, is the problem: 1) how do we catch the bird? 2) how to get the bird to fly out? or 3) how to get our work done despite the bird? Simply put, and in our own words, what are at least 3 ways to look at this problem/challenge?
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2	What do we want to make sure we don't overlook about the problem? What questions do we need to ask ourselves about this problem before we begin to look at solutions? (For example, do we need to solve the problem without hurting the bird?)
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?	Now, what do we think the problem is? Taking all of our thinking above into account, now what will we use as a working definition for this problem? This will guide us as we seek solutions.