

SUBTRACT

SOMETHING

Another strategy to help break through to the 3rd third of ideas is to subtract something. Within this technique, you generate ideas with a main portion of the issue or driving question missing.

For example, if your students are exploring how they can get others in the school to recycle, different questions they could explore related to subtracting something include:

- What if there were no garbage cans?
- What if there were no recycling containers?
- What if you were not allowed to bring items to school that could not be recycled?
- What if we had no waste at lunch time?

Thinking through questions such as these will help spark new and creative ideas with students.

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