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NOUNS	<b>extradition treaty</b>	a reciprocal agreement between two countries for the handing over of (suspected) criminals	Auslieferungsabkommen
	<b>impostor</b>	a person who deceives others by pretending to be someone else	Hochstapler(in)
	<b>lateral thinking</b>	a creative and unusual approach to meeting a challenge or solving a problem	laterales/unkonventionelles Denken
	<b>pep talk</b> ifml.	a short speech to encourage someone and make them feel more confident	aufmunternde Worte
	<b>promotion prospects</b>	opportunities to advance in one's career	Aufstiegchancen, -möglichkeiten
VERBS	<b>come with sth.</b>	to be delivered with something	mit etw. ausgeliefert werden
	<b>deplore sth.</b>	to express strong dislike of or objection to something	etw. beklagen
	<b>infer sth.</b>	to conclude something on the basis of evidence and reasoning	etw. schlussfolgern, ableiten
	<b>perpetuate sth.</b>	to make something continue (indefinitely)	etw. aufrechterhalten
	<b>ponder sth.</b>	to think about something	über etw. nachdenken
ADJECTIVES	<b>despondent</b>	discouraged and without much hope	mutlos
	<b>enthused</b>	impressed and excited	begeistert
	<b>miffed</b> ifml.	a little upset or annoyed	verstimmt
	<b>pretentious</b>	trying to appear more important and competent than one really is	anmaßend, überheblich
	<b>succinct</b>	expressed clearly and with as few words as possible	kurz gefasst
EXPRESSIONS	<b>be the best fit for sth.</b>	to be the most appropriate choice for something	optimal für etw. geeignet sein
	<b>give sth. a bad name</b>	to discredit something	etw. in Verruf bringen
	<b>have a way with people</b>	to know how to deal with people	mit Menschen umzugehen wissen
	<b>keep sb. sweet</b> ifml.	to keep someone on one's side and in a good mood	jmdn. bei Laune halten
	<b>make it through sth.</b> ifml.	to endure/survive something	etw. durchstehen

## KEN'S CORNER

## Lateral thinking

## MEDIUM

Edward de Bono introduced the term "lateral thinking" in his 1967 book *The Use of Lateral Thinking*. De Bono, who died in June this year, was a Maltese physician, psychologist and author of more than 60 books.

De Bono wanted to replace traditional methods of problem-solving with an alternative method, whereby all assumptions are challenged and people think more creatively. He also believed strongly that thinking methods should be taught in schools.



Creative thinking was around long before de Bono popularized the concept. For example, in the early 20th century, all shops had assistants who served the customer at a counter. In the 1920s, American businessman Michael Cullen thought "laterally" and let the customers help themselves to goods, inventing the concept of the supermarket.

An expression connected to lateral thinking is "think outside the box", meaning "to solve problems in clever, innovative and original ways".



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**assumption** [ə'sʌmpʃən]

► Annahme, These

**counter** ► Schalter

**Maltese** [ˌmɔ:l'tiːz]

► maltesisch

**physician** [frɪ'ziʃən]

► Arzt/Ärztin