

ZEKE & RHOMBUS POWER UP WITH DIVERSITY

"World problems are without precedent. Old ideas and modes of thought are fast becoming obsolete." –Abdu'l-Bahá

Hey, Zeke and Rhombus here! Our Peaceful Planets Project had just arrived in the Centauri system when our ship's engine shut down. Without power, it'll take 42 days to reach the nearest planet—and we've only got five days of air and supplies. We need to jump into action, but first, we have to think carefully about what to do.

To start, we investigate the facts: A hunk of space junk pierced the safety hull and the engine shut down. We've

asked some friends with different skills to come and help us brainstorm, and they're on their way. Our Octonasian friend, Olavira, who has eight tentacles and eight brains, comes up with the most creative ideas. Vozz, our 135-year-old friend from Vennzoop, builds rockets and is a great engineer. And Geno, from Jupiter, is super strong!

With all this diversity, we'll devise a zillion solutions and get powered up soon!

Find the missing words in the scene to discover solution-seeking tips that can be used anywhere in the universe!

1. Create a _____ with a diverse mix of ages, cultures, skills, interests, and backgrounds.
2. Spend plenty of _____ exploring options. Don't leap to a solution too quickly.
3. Try exercises to loosen up your _____. Talk in a funny tone of voice, in rhyme, or when hopping on one foot.
4. _____ down the problem, then ask questions about it, such as, "Who can help us with this challenge?"
5. Use a thesaurus to find _____ that refresh thoughts. Is your spacecraft broken, fragmented, or cracked?
6. Come up with terrible _____. Decide what makes them bad, then focus on the opposite qualities.
7. Get fresh perspectives in a new _____. Try another room or go out for a walk.
8. _____ the rejected ideas instead of tossing them. Sometimes a new angle makes them workable.
9. Create a vibe that _____ everyone's ideas, no matter how wild.

