

Journey to Product Magic

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Brewing Customer-Centric Products

Gather information and truly understand your target audience.

Identify the **“magic ingredients”** your product will use to solve customer problems.

Design and **develop** the product **iteratively** with customer feedback.

Validate your assumptions with real users early and often.



Ingredients



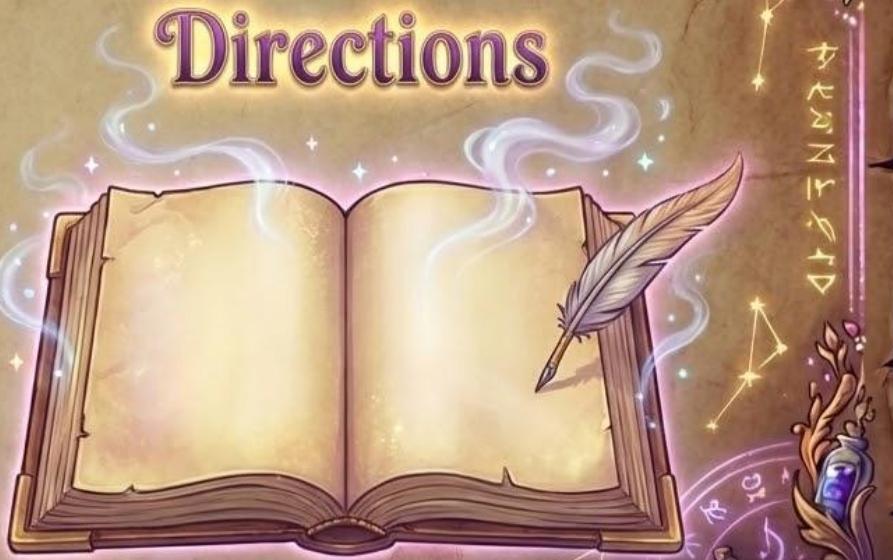
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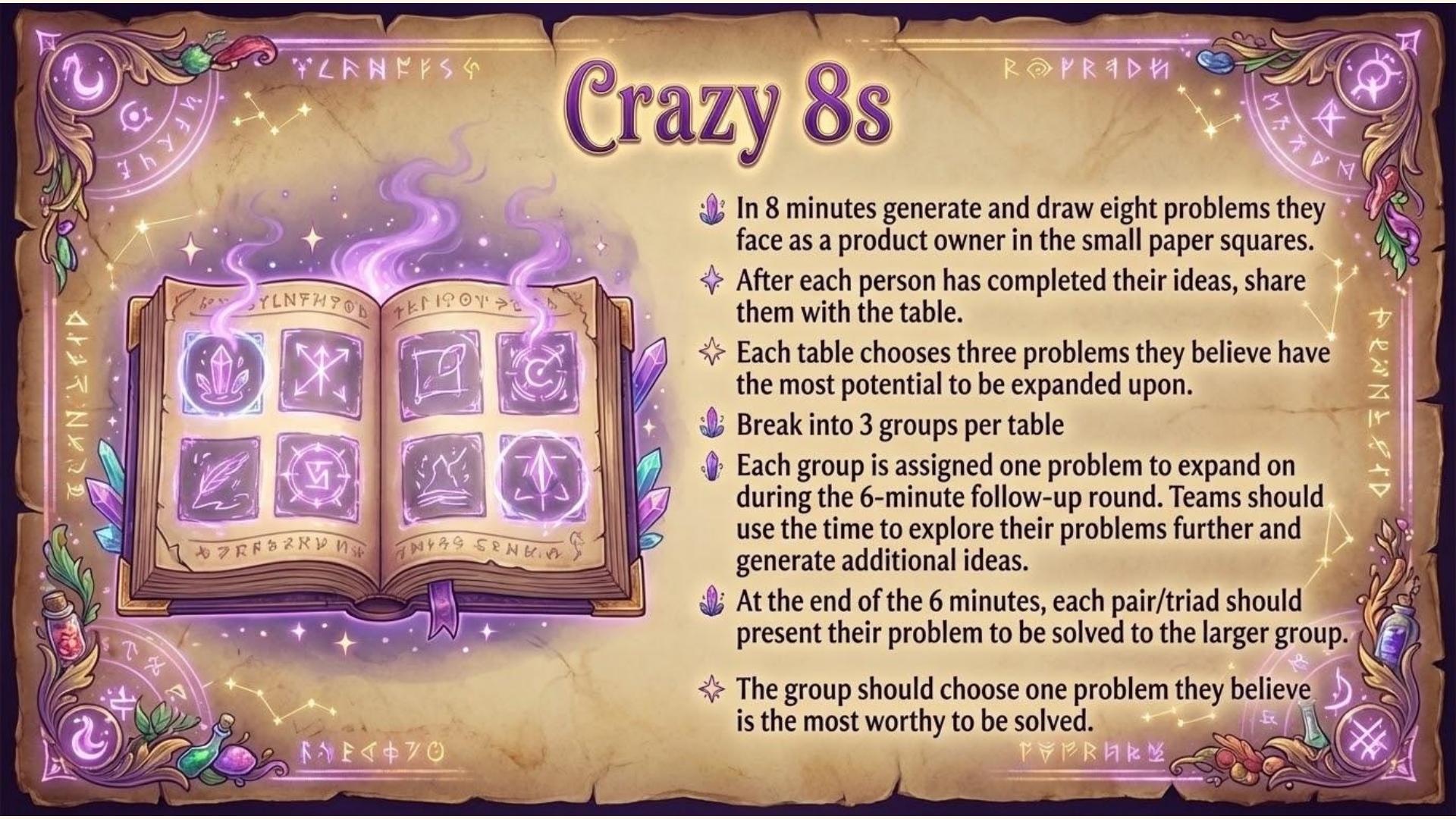
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1 Problem (Worthy of being solved)



Directions





Crazy 8s

- ★ In 8 minutes generate and draw eight problems they face as a product owner in the small paper squares.
- ★ After each person has completed their ideas, share them with the table.
- ★ Each table chooses three problems they believe have the most potential to be expanded upon.
- ★ Break into 3 groups per table
- ★ Each group is assigned one problem to expand on during the 6-minute follow-up round. Teams should use the time to explore their problems further and generate additional ideas.
- ★ At the end of the 6 minutes, each pair/triad should present their problem to be solved to the larger group.
- ★ The group should choose one problem they believe is the most worthy to be solved.

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★ 1 Problem
(Worthy of being solved)

★ Handful of vision

★ Dash of outcomes



Directions



Postcard from the Future

The Spell

- ★ Fold your paper in half
- ★ Create the front side of the postcard (top) by drawing a picture of the product as it exists in the future, showcasing its success and all its benefits.
- ★ On the right back side (bottom) of the postcard, have teams create an address to their future selves.
- ★ On the left side of the back of the postcard, write a message to their current selves, focusing on problems it has solved, highlight what customers love about the product and the impact it has had on their lives.



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(testable)

Directions

Product Box



Design a box for the product you imagined

Front:

- Product Name
- Brand
- Images that best represent the product

Right Side:

- Key Features (list or bullet points)

Left Side:

- Benefits (list or bullet points)

Top:

- Unique Selling Proposition (USP) - a short, catchy statement that highlights what makes this product unique

Bottom:

- Target Customer - a description of the ideal customer for this product

Back:

- Detailed description, including prerequisites and conditions of use

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1 Solution
(testable)

Directions

- 1. Combine ingredients to brew prototype*





Rapid AI Prototyping: Why It Matters



- ❖ Turn fuzzy ideas into something real in minutes
- ❖ Get user feedback before you build the expensive thing
- ❖ Explore multiple options without heavy investment
- ❖ Reduce risk by learning fast
- ❖ Make conversations concrete instead of theoretical



The 15-Minute AI Prototype Loop



- ▶ **Prompt it:** With your product box information
- ◀ **Generate it:** Application or Mockups,
- ▶ **Review it:** What's clear?
What's confusing?
- ▶ **Test it:** Combination of
and dialogue
- ▶ **Refine it:** Adjust prompt,
regenerate, repeat

Prototype, Validate, Measure, Iterate

- **Prototype:** Quickly create a first version to test assumptions and learn.
- **Validate:** Get real customer feedback to learn how it meets their needs and where it could do better.
- **Measure:** measure usage, impact, and learn.
- **Iterate:** Refine and improve based on data and feedback.



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1 Solution
(testable)

Directions

**1. Combine ingredients
to brew prototype**



**2. Validate with real
customers**



**3. Mix in Customer
Feedback and Data**



4. Iterate and Improve



5. Repeat steps 1-4



The Magic Recipe Unveiled



Empathy: Understand the user's needs and pain points.



Clarity: Define the problem and the outcome.



Ideation: Brainstorm solutions, embrace diverse perspectives.



Experimentation: Build, test, iterate, and learn rapidly.



Metrics: Define success, measure impact, and learn.



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