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Class: _____ Date: _____

Creative Problem-Solving

An activity of "How Mikel Arteta's original ideas inspired Arsenal's victory".

As Arsenal Football Club's manager, Mikel Arteta used unusual motivational methods that some people said were silly and embarrassing. But these methods helped his team win the 2025-26 Premier League title. Read "How Mikel Arteta's original ideas inspired Arsenal's victory" (page 27, What's Up July 2026).

ON YOUR OWN

- A. Using the *What's Up* story, write how Mikel Arteta used unusual and creative methods to motivate his football team.

Mikel Arteta's creative strategies
1. Goal: To motivate the players to be united and to look after the football club. Strategy:
2. Goal: To teach the players to always stay alert during a football match. Strategy:
3. Goal: To show the players that a burning desire is needed in order to win trophies. Strategy:
4. Goal: To help the players handle intense stress. Strategy:

IN GROUPS

- B. As a group, pick one problem at your school or neighbourhood that was addressed in a creative or unusual way.

Problem: _____

Strategy: _____

- C. Brainstorm other creative ways that could be used to solve the above problem.

- D. From (C), vote and select a strategy that is creative and workable. Give a short presentation to the class to share the problem and your group's proposed strategy.