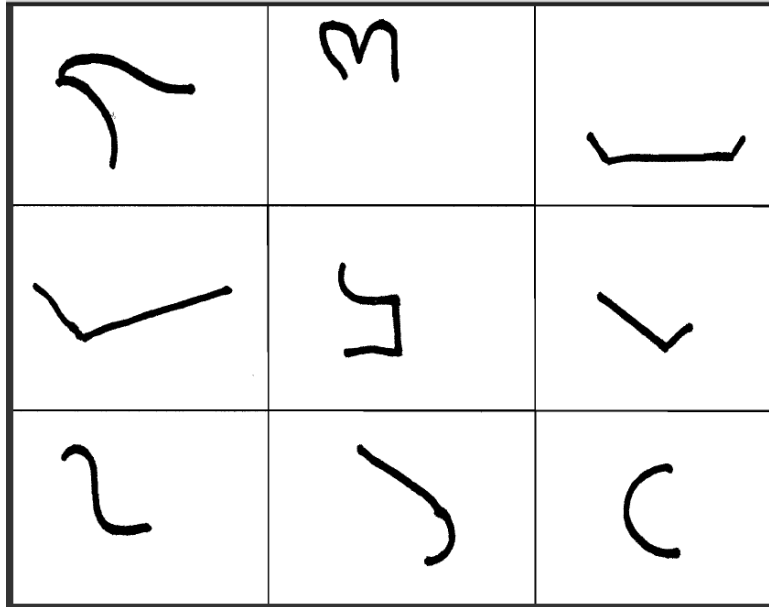


TIMELY TEST OF CREATIVE THINKING*



Instructions: thinking thankfully, complete the images shown above. Try to come up with things you haven't thought about in awhile. Give titles to your pictures. Tell a story about them, if you like...

Take all the time you need.

*(*With respects to the real TTCT: the Torrance Test of Creative Thinking)*

In a further homage to Torrance, here are the criteria which the TTCT measures, and some suggestions for applying them to the art of being creatively thankful.

Fluency: the total number of relevant responses. How about coming up with tons of answers to the question of what you are thankful for?

Originality: "statistical infrequency." Can you think of things to be thankful for that others overlook?

Elaboration: using imagination and detail. How can you make the object of your gratitude really come to life, in all its glorious detail? Can you elaborate upon your thanksgiving?

Abstractness of Titles: what label are you putting on the thing for which you are grateful? Might it really be called by another, perhaps greater, name?

Resistance to Premature Closure: staying open; resisting coming to conclusions too quickly. Are there things in your life for which you know you are grateful, but perhaps you're not as open to their complete nature as you could be?

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