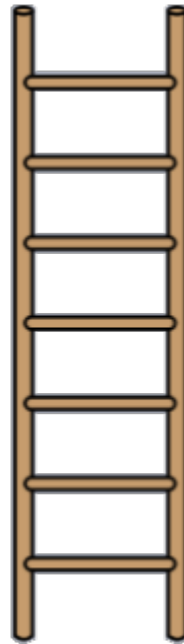# Individual preparation before the meeting

Template Module 2: Ladder of inference

① **Read the thinking tool "Ladder of inference".** Write and draw everything important about the topic around the ladder:
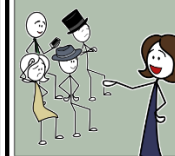
② **Connection between the ladder of inference and behavior in the group:** A very simple example….

The Ladder of Inference can be used to help us analyze any conceivable pedagogical topic, but also to support overarching competencies, such as communication and behavior in group work.

A simple example, taken from Anna Warfield (https://www.storyboardthat.com/articles/b/ladder-of-inference), traces the path of the Ladder of Inference. The awareness of our thinking helps us figure out how to clear misunderstandings, to hit all the steps, and to make sure everyone is on the same page with the same information.

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a) What happened? Write down:

b) What other possible reasons could lie behind the behavior of George, Bill, and Lisa? Why do they act the way they do?

George (phone)	- looking up information related to Judy's idea (…)
Bill (closed eyes)	- feeling ill, but still wants to hear what she has to say
Lisa (scratching her head)	- working through the possibilities of Judy's idea

As you can see, there are different reasons that can lead to the same action. Being aware that everyone goes through a similar way of thinking, helps us figure out how to clear misunderstandings. However, these need to be explored and addressed openly by asking purposeful questions.

③ - Think about your own behavior in the group. Are there patterns of behavior that you show regularly? What possible reasons cause you to act this way?

- Think about your group members. Are there certain individual or group specific behavior patterns? Find possible causes or motives for the actions.

Draw and write a storyboard for a situation that you have witnessed in the group or that you think that could lead to a misunderstanding in the group:

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FACTS / DATA / OBSERVABLE EVENTS	SELECTION OF FACTS	MEANINGS OF SELECTED DATA	ASSUMPTIONS MADE / INFERENCES DRAWN	ACTION TAKEN BASED ON THESE ASSUMPTIONS

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④ **Talk about your storyboards in the next PLC session.**