

Improvement kata is a repeating four-step routine by which
an organization improves and adapts. Kata is a term from Japanese martial arts that means daily practice routines. It makes coutinuous improvement through the scientific problem-solving method of plan, do, check, act (PDCA) a daily habit. The four steps are:

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| Understand the DirectionWhat challenge are you striving to meet? | Grasp the Current ConditionWhat is the process’s current pattern? |

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| PDCA Toward the Target ConditionThe step-by-step discovery process between where you are and where you want to be next. | **Establish the Next Target Condition**What pattern do you want to have next? |

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| How to apply this concept | Go through these four steps when you’re trying to solve a problem. |
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