

Excuses

Judge: Preparation:

- Set a table with five chairs for competing team members.
- Provide a copy of the problem instructions on the table for the team members.

Judge Instructions:

(Judge: When team members enter the room, tell them)

This is a verbal problem. You have 1 minute to select the five team members who will compete. The others must sit in these seats and watch or be escorted from the room. They may not assist in solving the problem and may not talk.

(Judge: After 5 Team Members Chosen and seated, Read all the instructions, repeat, then Start the Time)

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2. You will receive 1 point for each ordinary response and 3 points for each creative response.
3. Once time begins, it will not be stopped, even if a judge asks you to repeat a response, clarify it, or give a more appropriate response. Speak loudly and clearly.
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(Judge: Repeat all the instructions, then Start the Time)

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