# Race Around The Alphabet 

## Judge: Preparation:

- Set a table with five chars 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 challenge. 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)

1. Your problem is "Race Around The Alphabet", You will have 1 minute to think and 3 minutes to respond. You may ask questions; however, time will continue. Do not talk to each other at any time
2. 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.
3. Your team will respond in the order that you are seated. You may not skip your turn, repeat an answer or pass. If one member of your team is stuck, then the others must wait for that team member to answer.
4. Your problem is to name plants, such as fruits, vegetables, flowers, and trees in alphabetical order. That is names beginning with letters of the Alphabet, in order. You may skip letters and start over again at any place in the alphabet at any time. You might say "Banana, Carrot, Orange, Apple".
5. Scoring will be as follows, the first time you start, and every time you say a plant that begins with an earlier letter, you will:

- Receive 1 point for the $1^{\text {st }}$ three letters in order $\left(1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}, 3^{\text {rd }}\right)$
- Receive 2 points for the next three letters in order $\left(4^{\text {th }}, 5^{\text {th }}, 6^{\text {th }}\right)$
- Receive 3 points for any additional letters in order $\left(7^{\text {th }}, 8^{\text {th }}, 9^{\text {th }}\right.$, etc. $)$
(Judge: Repeat all the instructions, then Start the Time)


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Judges' Score Sheet

## Sample

|  | $1,2,3$ in order | $4,5,6$ in order | $7,8,9$ etc in order | Total Score |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Count | x x x | x x x | x | 12 |
| Score | 3 | 6 | 3 |  |
| Count | x x x | x x x | x x x x | 21 |
| Score | 3 | 6 | 12 | 33 |
|  |  |  | Total Score |  |

## Actual

|  | $1,2,3$ in order | $4,5,6$ in order | $7,8,9$ etc in order | Total Score |
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