

Extra...Extra Read All About It

When the team enters the room, tell them this is a verbal problem.

Judge Reads to Teams:

You will have 2 minutes to think and 4 minutes to respond. You may ask questions during your think time: however, time continues. You may discuss the problem with your teammates during the first two minutes of thinking time.

You will receive 1 point for each common response. Highly creative or humorous responses will receive 5 points. This will be the subjective opinion of the Judges and the judge's decision is final.

Your team is to take turns in sequence. You may not skip your turn, or repeat, or pass. If one member of the team is stuck, the team is stuck. Once time begins, it will not be stopped. If the judge asks you to repeat a response, or to clarify it, or to give a more appropriate response, it counts against your time. Speak loudly and clearly.

Your problem is to imagine that you were a Newspaper sales person on the corner of a very busy street. You are to hold up the newspaper and cry out the heading of the top news article in such a way to catch the reader's attention. You must have the newspaper in your hand to respond.

For example: Man landing on the moon could be said: Extra Extra Read all about it... Man lands on moon but nobody home! -or - Extra Extra Read all about it... Cheese not found! Astronauts go hungry! (Feel free to get dramatic. It helps with the presentation, thus a better chance for more points.)

Reread the problem, then start time.

Here are some historic events to use. Write them on 3 x 5 cards and place them on the table for all to see.

Dinosaurs found in Tar pit
Empire State building completed
Man circles globe in hot air balloon
Edison invents light bulb
Lincoln shot
Gates tops richest person list
Mad cow disease found in UK
McDonald sells 10 millionth burger

Wright brothers first flight
World is not flat
Disney Grand opening
Christopher Columbus finds new land
Robinhood steals from the rich
Gators beat Noles
A 78-year-old woman gives birth to alien (Sorry... Couldn't resist)
Global warming
Beatles land at JFK
7 dwarfs rescue Snow White

How well did the team use their thinking time? Were they organized? Did they pick cards for themselves or did they leave them for all to see. Cards can be used as many times as needed. Question the team as to whom they see had the best responses.

Today's Quickie Spontaneous:
List as many items as you can that can be lost or found.
Name things that can be broken.
Name things that can be fixed.