

The Show Must Go On !!!

Read to the team:

This is a 2 part verbal hands-on problem. You will have 8 minutes to complete this problem. The competition will end when you are finished or when time has ended.

The problem is: Your problem is to construct a mini play with the items presented to you by the judges. The play should have as many elements of a play as possible, including characters, props and background.

In part 1, your problem is to build a miniature set, characters and props, within the marked square on the table. You will be given materials with which to build your solution to the problem. You may use only those materials for your solution. You may talk and ask questions at anytime during part one. The team must declare when they are done with part 1. In part 2, you will use the items in part 1 to perform a miniature play within the taped off area. The taped off area will act as your stage. There is not a set time for which to stop part 1 before moving on to part 2 of the problem, but the team should allow time at the end to perform the play with their solution. Time will end at 8 minutes or when the teams says "The End"

Scoring: Use of materials 1-100
Use of time 1-200
Creativity of skit 1-100
Teamwork 1-300

Suggested Materials:

1 small piece of scotch tape	5 straws
1 wire coat hanger	3 pipe cleaners
4 pieces of spaghetti	1 sheet of paper
1 empty can	1 12" piece of string
4 sticks of gum with wrappers	5 marbles
1" cube of clay	Multiple colored markers
A pair of scissors	A 12" ruler

Set up: Before the teams enter, mark a 2'x 2' square on the floor or table with masking tape.

For younger teams, have them recreate their long-term performance or their favorite Nursery rhyme using the items provided. This problem should emphasize the importance of teamwork and time management.