

VERBAL SPONTANEOUS PROBLEM: One Thing Two Thing

JUDGE READS TO STUDENTS: (Do not read numbers or phrases in parenthesis.)

1. You will have two minutes to think and three minutes to respond. Questions count against your thinking time.
2. You will receive one point for each common response. Highly creative or humorous responses will receive three points. This will be a subjective opinion of the judge and the judge's decision is final.
3. Your team is to take turns in sequence. You may not skip your turn, nor repeat nor pass. If one member of the team is stuck, the team is stuck.
4. Your team has been given a die. On your turn, you must roll the die. If the resulting number is even – a 2, 4, or 6 – you must give one type of answer; if the resulting number is odd – a 1, 3, or 5 – you must give another type of answer. The person who will roll the die first is (indicate one team member) and then you will continue in order, going clockwise.
5. Once the time begins, it will not be stopped. If the judge asks you to repeat or to clarify your answer, it counts against your time. Speak loudly and clearly.

THE PROBLEM IS:

6. We often find that things are “singular” or “one of a kind”. We also can find things that come in pairs. You are to roll the die. If the resulting number is odd – a 1, 3, or 5 – you must say something that is one of a kind. For example, you could say "A unicorn has one horn". If the resulting number is even – a 2, 4, or 6, you must say things that come in pairs. For example, you could say "a pair of socks."

(Repeat #6, THE PROBLEM IS:)

7. You have two minutes to think. "BEGIN" (Judge starts timer).

FOR JUDGES ONLY:

Be sure to give exactly two minutes to think and three minutes to respond. Timing is critical. Students responding at the buzzer can finish and be scored.

You should repeat the problem for each team. You may answer questions during the two minutes thinking period, but time continues. After thinking time is over, reset the stopwatch for three minutes.

Examples of Odd numbered creative answers:

One of a kinds: Mona Lisa, a Diamond, Individual thoughts, My nose, A fingerprint, I an one of a kind, Everyday is unique in its own way, I will only try something once, Once upon a time, etc...

Examples of even numbered creative answers:

Things that come in pairs: Pants, Two peas in a pod, Sometimes you can get a worm in a Pear, double trouble, Sunglasses, Animals on the ark, Twins always come in pairs, The ants come marching two by two...hurrah! Hurrah!