

Worse Solution

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.
- Give each participant 6 cards (30 in all)
- One envelope

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 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.
4. Each of you has 6 cards. You may respond in any order. After giving a response you must hand a card to the judge. You may not share your cards. When you are out of cards you may no longer respond.
5. Your problem is to name solutions that are worse than the original problem. Your response must include the original problem, the solution, and the worse problem. You might say "I sold my old shoes to buy ice cream, but the sidewalk was too hot to walk to the ice cream store."

(Judge: Repeat all the instructions, then Start the Time)

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