

CTOM SPON ZONE Problem
Hard Harder Hardest

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.

(Judge: 1. All individuals competing in this problem must be from the same team. 2. You cannot comment at the end of the problem on any of the responses or how they were scored.)

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)

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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. The 1st team member will respond with something that is hard. The 2nd team member will respond with two answers, something that is hard and something that is harder. The 3rd team member will respond with three answers, something that is hard, something that is harder, and something that is hardest. Then the 4th team member will provide a single answer that is hard, the 5th hard and hard, the 1st hard, harder, hardest and so on until time is up.
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