

## My Five Cents

### 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.
- Place three items on the middle of the table: A Nickel Coin, A Marble, A Toothpick

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### Judge Instructions:

*(Judge: When team members enter the room, tell them)*

This is a verbal hands-one 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.

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*(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 regular 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. When response time begins the a judge will point to a team member to respond, you will respond in clockwise order around the table until response time ends. If a team member is stuck, the team is stuck – each team member must respond with an acceptable answer.
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