



TRY DI: Instant Challenge Set

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Time

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Setup

In the center of the room is a table with materials you may use to build your devices. The table also holds the box that contains the marble and bullseye.

Procedure

Part One (6 minutes)

Use the materials available to build a device and or devices that you will use to manipulate the marble to go and stay in the bulls-eye.

Part Two

You will have 15 seconds to set your devices up. You will then have up to one minute to manipulate the marble in the box to go into and stay as close to the center of the bullseye for a specified amount of time.

Scoring

20 points for being able to manipulate the marble into the bullseye with your device or devices

10 points if the marble remains in the bullseye (1-4) for 20 seconds

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30 points if the marble remains in the bullseye (3-4) for 20 seconds

40 points if the marble remains in the bullseye (4-4) for 20 seconds

Up to 20 points for how creatively you use the materials

Up to 20 points for how well your team works together.

BULLSEYE

MATERIALS

3 clothes pins

8 pipe cleaners

4 rubber bands

3 plastic spoons

12 inch piece of string

Pair of Chopsticks

2 ping pong balls

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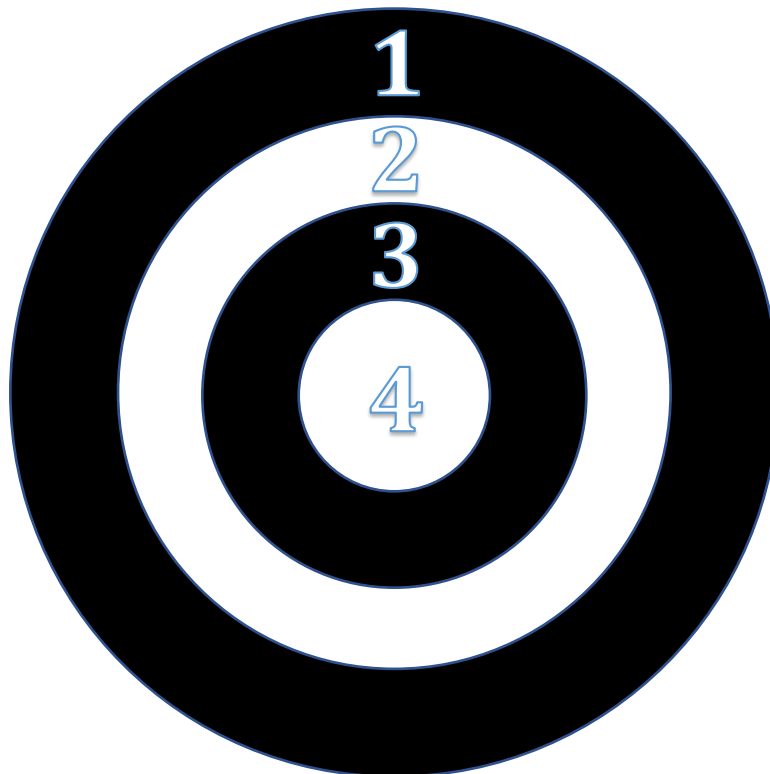
Appraiser (Team or IC Manager) Materials List Preparation

Materials List (for creating device)

- 3 clothes pins
- 8 pipe cleaners
- 4 rubber bands
- 3 plastic spoons
- 12 inch piece of string
- pair of chopsticks
- 2 ping pong balls

Other Materials:

- Box (shoe box or other cardboard box with an open top).
- A bullseye on the bottom of the box. (You may copy or print the one below and place or tape to the bottom of the box or draw a bullseye of your choice size directly on the bottom of the box.)
- A marble (may be in box or in a separate small container next to box)
- Materials List (Place or Tape on Table with Materials)
- Team Copy of Challenge



Appraiser Notes and Post IC Debriefing for Bullseye

The intention of this IC is that the team should strive to effectively solve the Challenge AND in doing so, they and you should identify individual and team technical skills and strengths.

This challenge does not have any MAY NOTS. For example, it does not say that the Team may not touch the marble, team members hands/bodies may not cross sides of the box, items may not be placed in the box, etc.

If the Team, for example, takes a rubber band and puts it in the center of the bullseye and places the marble into the center, it may likely stay and they will have effectively solved the challenge. They should be congratulated on their success. However, they/you did not have the opportunity to evaluate individual and team technical skills. Revise the challenge and have the team try it again at the same or a future meetings. You may even wish to eliminate or substitute some of the materials to make it more challenging as the Team advances.

Sample Processing Questions

- What did you like about this challenge?
- How well did your Team work together?
- Did your devices work as intended?
- Did you ask for time remaining?
- Did you enjoy making tools to reach a goal?
- Did you have another idea that you wished you had tried?
- What would you do differently?
- Was _____ more difficult than expected?

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Rain, Rain Go Away (Engineering)

Challenge

Your TASK is to build a freestanding tower that will support a cup that will catch and hold rain.

Time

You will have up to 5 minutes to build your freestanding tower and place the cup that will hold the rain. The cup **MUST** be positioned and remain at least 1" above table

Setup

In the center of the room is a table with materials you may use to build tower. The tower **MUST** be built in the plastic container that is on the table during Part One.

Procedure

Part One (5 minutes)

Use the materials available to build a freestanding tower that you will use to hold the cup that will catch the water.

At the end of Part One, the tower, including the cup, will be measured for height.

Part Two (1 minute) Team member(s) will pour the water from the provided waterspout into the cup. The cup **MUST** remain filled to the indicator line marked approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top of the cup.

Scoring

10 points if the freestanding tower is able to hold the cup

3 points if the tower holds the pouring water for 5 seconds

6 points if the tower holds the pouring water for 10 seconds

10 points if the tower holds the pouring water for 15 seconds

1 point for each 2.5 cm of height of the freestanding tower (up to 40 points)

Up to 20 points for how creatively you use the materials

Up to 20 points for how well your team works together.

Rain, Rain Go Away (Engineering)

MATERIALS LIST

- 4 mailing labels
- 5 pipe cleaners
- 4 rubber bands
- 12 inch piece of string
- 3 note cards
- 4 straws
- 2 popsicle sticks
- 6 toothpicks
- 1 cup (to hold rain)

A measuring device such as a yardstick, tape measure or ruler has also been provided for you to measure your tower during Part One. The measuring device may not be damaged and may not be part of your solution.

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Appraiser Preparation Rain, Rain Go Away

Materials to be used by Team

- 4 mailing labels
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- 4 rubber bands
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- 3 index cards
- 4 straws
- 2 popsicle sticks
- 6 toothpicks
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Other Materials/Setup

A shallow plastic container (like storage box). This is to protect the table and room from the rain. The tower should be built inside the container at the end of Part 1.

The materials list (taped or placed on the materials table)

Cup (to hold rain) – a small (3oz) cup or other lightweight small cup is a good starting size. You can substitute to make the challenge more difficult or easier. Draw or mark with tape a fill line on the inside of the cup about ½” from top. You can adjust the position of the line to vary difficulty.

Measuring Device – Tape Measure, Ruler or Yard Stick

Rain Maker – If you have a small watering can with a sprinkler head, use it! If not, there are several easy ways to make a Rain Maker. Punch holes in the lid of a ½ gallon plastic milk jug, a water bottle (you can poke small holes around the top of water bottle (not harder lid) or the bottom of a cup with a small nail, tack, etc. if punching through a harder lid, heating the nail or tack will make it easier. If you use a cup, you can provide a separate water bottle or container of water for the Team to use to fill the Rain Maker in Part Two. NOTE: If you use a Styrofoam cup, you should be able to use the toothpick to poke the holes in the bottom without any special tools. For advanced Teams, let them make the Rain Maker.



A YouTube search of DIY sprinkler watering can will show you step by step if you need more direction.

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Appraiser Notes and Debriefing/Processing Rain, Rain Go Away

Rain, Rain Go Away incorporates the lesser used element of water into this engineering instant challenge. Many participants will be familiar with building a tower to support weight, but how will the materials used hold up when wet.

This IC does involve more materials and set-up, but is likely to be a Team favorite. This is a good activity to recruit a parent or other assistant as IC Leader (and/or co-TM). The IC Leader can be someone that can attend a portion of the Team Meeting, or simply prepare and provide the materials. Since every IC is a surprise for the Team, it's not Interference but rather skills teaching to debrief, discuss and even allow parents to try it themselves. There will be no audience for Instant Challenge at Tournaments and the participants may not discuss the IC until after Global Finals. They will even take the IC Pledge just prior to each Tournament IC. The more IC experience they have in advance, the better!

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Friends Forever (Scientific)

Challenge

Your TASK is to build a device that will allow an animal to live with its best friend from a different habitat then present a PERFORMANCE about the buddies and how your device works including the scientific reason of how it enables the buddy animal to live in a different environment.

Time

You will have up to 6 minutes to build your device for one of the animals to be able to live with its best friend from a different habitat and prepare for your performance. You will then have up to 3 minutes to present your Performance.

Setup

In the center of the room is a table that holds the list of buddy animals and the materials you may use to build your device.

Procedure

Part One (6 minutes)

Pick a pair of buddy animals from the list provided. Each member of the buddy pair lives in a different habitat. As a team, you need to decide which animal from your buddy pair will move into its buddy's habitat. You then need to identify what that animal needs to live in the new habitat and build a device that will allow it to live there.

Part Two (3 Minutes)

You will have up to 3 minutes for your PERFORMANCE which will include at least one fact about the buddy animals and each habitat. You will include your device and scientifically explain how it allows the animal to live in the new habitat. Make sure to identify what the animal needs to have in order to survive in the new habitat as part of your PERFORMANCE.

Scoring

20 points for creating a device and including it in your PERFORMANCE

Up to 20 points for a scientific appropriate reason for the device in your PERFORMANCE.

Up to 20 points for presentation of facts in your PERFORMANCE

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- 1 egg carton or box
- 5 Cotton Balls
- 3 Straws
- 4 Pipe cleaners
- 1 balloon (or non-latex glove)
- 12" piece of string
- 2 Paper Plates
- 6 mailing labels
- 5 rubber bands
- 1 cup
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A sheet of paper and a pencil will also be available as your Team prepares and presents your PERFORMANCE.

Buddy Animal List

Buddy Team	Buddy #1	Environment Choice #1	Buddy #2	Environment Choice #2
Team A	Dolphin	Ocean	Lion	Africa Grassy Plains
Team B	Polar Bear	Arctic	Rattlesnake	SW America Desert
Team C	Cow	Farm	Octopus	Rock den in the Pacific Ocean
Team D	T-Rex	North American River Valleys 65 million years ago	House Cat	Your Home
Team E	Humpback Whale	Ocean – migrate from warm tropical to arctic	Squirrel	Your Back Yard

QUICK FACT SHEET BUDDY ANIMAL TEAM A

Dolphin

- Compared to other animals, dolphins are believed to be very intelligent.
- Dolphins are carnivores (meat eaters).
- The Killer Whale (also known as Orca) is actually a type of dolphin.
- Bottlenose dolphins are the most common and well known type of dolphin.
- Female dolphins are called cows; males are called bulls and young dolphins are called calves.
- Dolphins live in schools or pods of up to 12 individuals.
- Dolphins use a blowhole on top of their heads to breathe.
- Dolphins have excellent eyesight and hearing as well as the ability to use echolocation for finding objects.
- Dolphins communicate with each other by clicking, whistling and other sounds.

Ocean Habitat

- **Marine habitats include oceans and seas, which both have saltwater.**
- Saltwater is water that has 35g of salt for every kilogram of water. It's not something most mammals can drink as it will just make them more thirsty!
- Oceans and seas cover over 70% of the Earth's surface.
- **There are five oceans across the planet, and over 100 different seas.**
- Having salt in the water means that it takes a lower temperature for the water to freeze (it normally freezes at 0°C). So, some marine animals have adapted to living in waters that are below 0°C, especially around **polar regions**.
- **About three-fifths of all the fish species that we know about live in marine habitats.**

Lion

- African lions live together in groups or "prides." A pride consists of about 15 lions.
- Male lions defend the pride's territory while females do most of the hunting.
- The lion was once found throughout Africa, Asia and Europe but now exists only in Africa with one exception. The last remaining Asiatic lions are found in Sasan-Gir National Park in India.
- A lion's roar can be heard from as far as 5 miles away.
- A lion can run for short distances at 50 mph and leap as far as 36 feet.

African Grassy Plains

The Grassy Plains where African lions live are primarily in central and south Africa

They like the hot places like the Sahara in Africa and the dryer regions

Although the lion is popularly known as the 'King of the Jungle', it does not actually live in the jungle! Lions are not found in tropical rainforests or deserts. They are found living on grassy plains, dry thorn forests, Savannas, open woodlands, scrubs, prairies, and semi-arid plains of sub-Saharan Africa. Lions prefer to live near rivers or their tributaries, because of constant water supply. Moreover, the water also attracts their prey, thereby increasing prey density in the area.

QUICK FACT SHEET BUDDY ANIMAL TEAM B

Polar Bear

- Polar bears use sea ice as a platform to hunt seals.
- Seals make up most of a polar bears diet.
- Male polar bears can weigh up to 680 kg (1500 lb).
- Female polar bears usually only weigh about half as much as males.
- Polar bears spend most of their time at sea.
- Polar bears have 42 teeth.
- The scientific name for the polar bear is 'ursus maritimus'.
- Polar bears keep warm thanks to nearly 10 cm of blubber under the skin.
- Polar bears can reach speeds up to 40 kph (25 mph) on land and 10 kph (6 mph) in water.

Arctic Habitat

- The Arctic is located at the northernmost part of our planet. Scientists usually define the Arctic as the area above the 'Arctic Circle' — an imaginary line that circles around the top of the globe.
- The Arctic consists of the Arctic Ocean and parts of Canada, Russia, the USA, Greenland, Norway, Finland, Sweden and Iceland.
- Because of the Earth's tilt, for at least one day a year there's an entire day of darkness in this freezing region — and also a full day of sunshine. Imagine that!
- Temperatures as low as **-70°C** have been recorded in northern Greenland. *Brrrrr!*

Rattlesnake

- **Rattlesnakes** are venomous snakes characterized by a segmented rattle at the tip of the tail that produces a buzzing sound when vibrated.
- There are about **36 known species of rattlesnakes**.
- Rattlesnakes are **native to the Americas**, ranging from southern Canada to central Argentina but are most abundant and diverse in the southwestern United States and northern Mexico.
- Rattlesnakes can be **found in a wide variety of habitats**. They are most abundant in the desert sands of the Southwest, but they also like rocky areas, prairies, marshes and forests.

SW America Desert

Deserts are defined by a lack of water. They are arid places that generally receive less than 10 inches (25 cm) of rain per year and where water is severely limiting. Deserts can be cold or hot, and their plants, animals, and people have adapted to scarce and unpredictable rainfall events. Three major Deserts fall partially within the area covered by the Science of the American Southwest. The Sonoran Desert occurs in southern Arizona and extends into California, and well into Mexico. It is a subtropical desert considered by some to be the biologically richest desert in the world. The Chihuahuan Desert occurs mainly in Mexico but extends north into Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. The Great Basin Desert covers most of Nevada and portions of Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, and Oregon.

QUICK FACT SHEET BUDDY ANIMAL TEAM C

Cow

- A cow's normal body temperature is 101.5°F.
- The average cow chews at least 50 times per minute.
- The typical cow stands up and sits down about 14 times a day.
- An average cow has more than 40,000 jaw movements in a day.
- Cows actually do not bite grass; instead they curl their tongue around it.
- Cows have almost total 360-degree panoramic vision.
- Cows have a single stomach, but four different digestive compartments.
- You can lead a cow upstairs, but not downstairs. Cows knees can't bend properly to walk downstairs.

Farm

- Farmers typically grow their own forage for their cattle. Crops grown may include corn, alfalfa, timothy, wheat, oats, sorghum and clover.
- Dairy Farms have cows that are farmed for their milk.
- Cattle Farms may also raise cows for meat.
- It typically takes a farmer 20 minutes to milk a cow. This process is done about two or three times a day on average.
- Since the average cow drinks 30 to 50 gallons of water each day, farms must have a reliable source of fresh water.
- Farms are usually fenced to contain the cattle and other livestock.
- Many farms have barns.

Octopus

- All octopuses have head, called mantle, surrounded with 8 arms, called tentacles. All vital organs are located in their head.
- Their color and size is determined by their environment. Those that live in colder water will be much larger than those that live in tropical (warm) water.
- Only hard structure in their body is beak which looks like a parrot beak. They use their beaks for eating.
- Although they are invertebrates, they have incredibly developed nervous system and they can learn various things. Some experiments showed that they can solve puzzles, distinguish shapes and patterns. They can develop both short- and long-term memory.

Rock Den in the Pacific Ocean

- The water depth in which octopuses live ranges from the shallow, coastal waters to about 330 feet deep. The Pacific octopus is a benthic creature. It lives on the ocean floor.
- Dens are a very important place of shelter for these octopuses. They greatly enjoy spending their time in areas under rock cover where they can easily camouflage themselves. They often create, or choose, a den that has many entrances. The Pacific octopus rarely lives in a single den for longer than one month, unless it's a female with her eggs. Dens left uninhabited are frequently moved into by other giant octopuses, who then live there for another short period of time.
- Ocean water is salt water which non-marine animals can't drink.

QUICK FACT SHEET BUDDY ANIMAL TEAM D

T-Rex

- Tyrannosaurus Rex had powerful back legs that let it hunt prey over short distances at up to 20mph (32 kph).
- Tyrannosaurus Rex means 'Tyrant Lizard'.
- T. Rex were one of the biggest meat eaters.
- The largest T. Rex tooth found is 12 inches (30 cm) long.
- They could sprint up to 20 mph (32 kph).

North American River Valleys 65 million years ago

- T Rex lived about 65 to 70 million years ago - in the late cretaceous period.
- Tyrannosaurus rex probably lived in forests, where its prey could find plenty of food.
- They would have charged out of the undergrowth to surprise their prey

House Cat

- COMMON NAME: Domestic Cat
- SCIENTIFIC NAME: Felis catus
- TYPE: Mammals
- DIET: Carnivores
- SIZE: 28 in
- WEIGHT: 5 to 20 lbs
- Felis catus has had a very long relationship with humans. Ancient Egyptians may have first domesticated cats as early as 4,000 years ago. Plentiful rodents probably drew wild felines to human communities. The cats' skill in killing them may have first earned the affectionate attention of humans.

Your Home

- How tall are the ceilings?
- Domesticated cats may remain indoors all the time (a house cat) or be indoor/outdoor cats.
- House cats typically have litter boxes
- House cats are fed commercially prepared food.

QUICK FACT SHEET BUDDY ANIMAL TEAM E

Humpback Whale

The **humpback whale** (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) is a species of **baleen whale**. One of the larger species, adults range in length from 12–16 m (39–52 ft) and weigh around 25–30 metric tons (28–33 short tons). The humpback has a distinctive body shape, with long **pectoral fins** and a knobby head. It is known for **breaching** and other distinctive **surface behaviors**, making it popular with **whale watchers**. Males produce a complex **song** lasting 10 to 20 minutes, which they repeat for hours at a time. Its purpose is not clear, though it may have a role in mating.

Their diet consists mostly of **krill** and small **fish**. Humpbacks have a diverse repertoire of feeding methods.

Ocean

- Found in oceans and seas around the world, humpback whales typically migrate up to 25,000 km (16,000 mi) each year.
- They feed in polar waters, and migrate to tropical or subtropical waters to breed and give birth, fasting and living off their fat reserves.
- Ocean water is saltwater. Other animals, like humans and squirrels, can't drink it. It only makes us thirstier.

Squirrel

- There are over 265 species of squirrel worldwide. The smallest is the African pygmy squirrel which is tiny at around 10 cm long, whereas the largest, the Indian giant squirrel is a massive three feet long.
- When a squirrel is scared, and feels that it is in danger, it will at first remain motionless. If it is on the ground, it will run to a nearby tree and climb to safety, and if it is already in a tree it will circle the trunk and press up against the bark tightly with its body.
- Squirrels are very trusting animals, and are of the very few wild animal species which will eat out of a person's hand.
- In colder regions, such as the UK, squirrels plan ahead in order to survive the challenging winter months. They store nuts and seeds at various locations and return to them throughout the winter to maintain their energy levels when food is scarce.
- Squirrels tend to run in erratic paths. This is intended to deceive potential predators as to its chosen direction so that it may escape.

Your Backyard

- Many squirrels use dens for long winters.
- During warmer months, a dray may serve for sleep and for raising babies. A dray consists of leaves and twigs arranged as a nest and tucked away in the branches of a tree.
- When a squirrel isn't running around looking for nuts or scampering about in trees, she may be found underground in her burrow caring for her young or sleeping at night. Tree squirrels will call it a day by heading to their dens or drays.

Materials List

- 1 egg carton or box
- 5 Cotton Balls
- 3 Straws
- 4 Pipe cleaners
- 1 balloon
(or non-latex glove)
- 12" piece of string
- 2 Paper Plates
- 6 mailing labels
- 5 rubber bands
- 1 cup
- Aluminum foil
- 5 toothpicks

Other Materials/Preparation

Print the Team Copy of Challenge

Print the Materials List/Buddy Animal List and place or tape on table with materials

Print Quick Fact Sheets.

Alternatively, you may allow research time for the Team(s) or individual participants to research the animals and environments and prepare their own facts. This gives the Team a taste for the research element that is commonly a part of the Scientific Challenge.

Processing Questions/TALK LIKE A SCIENTIST

DI Teams regardless of the Challenge Selected can often benefit by practicing talking to each other as they would to another scientist. The following resource was shared at the Cobb County 2018 STEMAPALOOZA by Tracy Mathews tracy.matthews@cobbk12.org sessions "Creating a Culture of Discourse". It makes a great pre-IC activity and/or post processing activity.

Science Talk Sentence Starters

When scientists share <u>their own ideas</u> , they might say:	When scientists respond to <u>others' ideas</u> , they might say:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I observed _____. • I noticed _____. • I think _____ because _____. • Based on my/our data, I think _____. • If _____, then _____. • I wonder _____. • What would happen if _____? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell me more about _____. • Please explain _____. • I'm confused about _____. • Why do you think _____? • What evidence supports _____? • Are you saying _____? • I agree/disagree with _____ because _____.

Review IC and Scoring while practicing talking like a scientist.
Have Team Develop Scoring Rubric(s) while talking like scientists.

TEAM COPY

Written All Over Your Face (Fine Arts)

Your PERFORMANCE is to create a skit with 5 different emotions while having a beginning middle and end.

Time

You will have up to 5 minutes plan your PERFORMANCE and use the materials given to make props. You will have up to 2 minutes to perform your skit.

Setup

In the center of the room is a table that holds the list of emotions and materials that you may use to make your props.

Procedure

Part One: You will have up to 5 minutes plan your PERFORMANCE that effectively portrays 5 selected emotions in 1 or more team created characters. You will also use the materials to create props for your PERFORMANCE.

Part Two: You will have up to 2 minutes to perform your skit to the judges.

Scoring

Up to 50 points, 10 points each, for the effective portrayal and integration into the skit of each emotion chosen

Up to 20 points for overall creativity of the PERFORMANCE

Up to 15 points for crativity and integration of your props

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Materials

- 7 Sheets of paper
- 8 markers
- 4 paper plates
- 3 paper cups
- 5 pipe cleaners

Scoring

Up to 50 points, 10 points each, for the effective portrayal and integration into the skit of each emotion chosen

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List of Emotions

1. Angry
2. Thrilled
3. Excited
4. Scared
5. Shy
6. Lazy
7. Mean
8. Needy
9. Crazy
10. Hopeful

WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE
APPRAISER/TEAM MANAGER/IC LEADER

PREPARATION/SET UP

MATERIALS LIST

- 7 Sheets of paper
- 8 markers
- 4 paper plates
- 3 paper cups
- 5 pipe cleaners

TEAM COPY OF CHALLENGE

MATERIALS LIST/LIST OF EMOTIONS (tape or place on table beside materials)

Processing Questions

- Do you enjoy performing?
- Do you like designing and creating props?
- What do you like to do and are good at doing that would be useful in a Fine Arts Performance? (Sing, acting experience, costume design, play an instrument, artistic, dance, etc.)
- Allow self-evaluation and discussion of scoring.

The Fine Arts Challenge typically contains a technical component. This may be noted if one or more of your Team Members is reluctant to participate in a Fine Arts Challenge. The experience and confidence that comes from presenting a Fine Arts solution can be life changing for traditional STEM learners. HR experts agree that there are countless geniuses, but they are unable to communicate their ideas to other effectively. The skills learned will serve them well in interviews, college and careers.

TEAM COPY

Humanly Scenery (Improvisational)

Surprise! You've been sent on a space mission to the planet Mars but you've landed on a mysterious new planet! Your challenge is to create a PERFORMANCE of the exciting new discoveries that you found on the new planet using as much human scenery as possible.

Time

You will have up to 6 minutes to plan your PERFORMANCE. You will then have up to 2 minutes to perform your skit.

Setup

In the center of the room is a table that holds a piece of paper and a pencil that you may use as you prepare and present your PERFORMANCE.

Procedure

Part One (6 minutes)

You will have up to 7 minutes to plan your skit and the human scenery that you will be presenting.

Part Two (1 minute)

Your Team will be given a random Improv Element from the following list. You will have 1 minute to discuss how you will incorporate the Improv Element.

Part Three (2 minutes)

You will have up to 2 minutes to perform your skit to the judges.

Scoring

Up to 5 points each (40 points maximum) for human scenery presented

Up to 20 points for overall creativity of the skit

Up to 20 for the creative integration of the Improv Element

Up to 20 points for how well your team works together

IMPROV ELEMENT

Your Team will receive 1 of the following Improv Element Scenarios 1 minute prior to your PERFORMANCE.

The New Planet IS VERY WINDY

The New Planet HAS A VERY STICKY SURFACE

The New Planet IS VERY SMALL

The New Planet IS INHABITED BY BIRDS

The New Planet MAKES YOU SNEEZE

The New Planet is MUSICAL.

APPRAISER COPY

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- Pencil

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HUMAN SCENERY
APPRAISER/TEAM MANAGER/IC LEADER

The only materials are a sheet of paper and a pencil.

You will also provide:

The Team Copy of the Challenge

The List of IMPROV ELEMENT Scenarios (taped or placed on the table with the paper and pencil)

A timer that beeps.

A second list of IMPROV ELEMENTS cut into strips (or a dice or other method to select a random Element)

You may conduct this Challenge "Tournament Style" as follows.

Have the Team leave the room (if not practical, move to another portion of the room). If parents are in attendance, this will be useful information for them as well.

Collect all electronics including cell phones, watches and any other items you feel would be a distraction to the Team. No electronics nor timing devices are allowed in the IC Room.

Remember that you can ask the Time Keeper Appraiser how much Time is remaining at any time. At Georgia Tournaments, we will provide a bin or bag for your belongings that can be left just outside the door. At some Tournaments, including Global Finals they are NOT allowed in the building.

"At Tournament, only the participating Team Members and 1 Team Manager (if the Team permits) are allowed in the Instant Challenge Tournament Site. In the IC Prep Area you will give the prep area Appraiser a copy of your signed declaration of Independence and check the box stating that you know nothing about the Instant Challenge you will be given. Then you will say the following Instant Challenge Pledge."

"We promise not to talk about the Instant Challenge or what we did in our solution UNTIL THE END OF MAY. If we are heard or are found to have shared this Challenge with anyone, we will be disqualified from the tournament. However, we can talk about it privately among our team and Team Manager(s)!"

"The reason for the pledge is that DI Teams from all over the world compete in Instant Challenge at different times. The ICs must remain secret until after Global Finals in May."

Have the Team enter the room or the IC area of the room. At Tournament, the Appraisers will introduce themselves and the Time Keeper Appraiser will be noted. The Team Manager will be seated and will not give any cues or assistance to the Team.

Read or have another "Appraiser" read the Welcome.

"WELCOME to the Instant Challenge portion of our tournament. Anything is possible here, and you will have the opportunity to use the problem-solving tools and the creative process you have learned. Every team participating in your Team Challenge at your competition level will be presented this Instant Challenge today. Once the Instant Challenge begins, any participating team member may ask how much time remains in that part of the Challenge."

Hand the Team the Team Copy of the Challenge (At Tournaments they will be given 2 copies) and begin reading the Challenge. The Appraisers will not answer any questions until time begins. You may indicate materials, with a gesture and verify they are correct as they are read.

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Time

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Setup

In the center of the room is a table that holds a piece of paper and a pencil that you may use as you prepare and present your PERFORMANCE.

Procedure

Part One (6 minutes)

You will have up to 7 minutes to plan your skit and the human scenery that you will be presenting.

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Your Team will be given a random Improv Element from the following list. You will have 1 minute to discuss how you will incorporate the Improv Element.

Part Three (2 minutes)

You will have up to 2 minutes to perform your skit to the judges.

Materials

- One sheet of Paper
- Pencil

Scoring

Up to 5 points each (40 points maximum) for human scenery presented

Up to 20 points for overall creativity of the skit

Up to 20 for the creative integration of the Improv Element

Up to 20 points for how well your team works together

Once you have read the challenge repeat the following “Again, your Challenge is to create a PERFORMANCE of the exciting new discoveries that you found on the new planet using as much human scenery as possible and incorporate a last minute Improv Element Scenario into your presentation.

“You have 6 minutes, you may begin.” Start the timer.

During the 6 minutes, any Team member may ask questions and ask for time remaining. The Team may call “Time” if they are finished before the Timer before time runs out. This is particularly useful when, for example, you have built a tower and want it to be measured while it is still standing.

At the end of Part One, give the Team the Improv Element should be selected (pick a strip of paper, roll a dice, etc.). Read aloud and say “You have one minute beginning now” and start timer.

When the timer beeps, reset for 2 minutes and say “Your PERFORMANCE begins NOW” and start timer.

At the end of the PERFORMANCE the Team may call Time if there is time remaining.

At Tournaments, the Appraisers do not discuss your performance nor give any scores nor feedback. You will be escorted from the IC room with your Team Manager with the instructions to remember to not talk about the challenge to anyone until after Global Finals. Sometimes there is a “Chill Out” room for your use before you join your parents and general public. At Globals there is an opportunity to present a “Ta Da!” performance of your choosing after you exit the IC building.

APPRAISER

Debriefing Questions:

What did you like about this Challenge?

How did your Team do with Improvisation?

If your Team selects the Improv Challenge as their Team Challenge there are some possible benefits.

- No or few props to create, store, transport
- Every meeting can be a “dress rehearsal”
- The Improv skills you learn will transfer to future Team Challenges and to ICs as well as those in real life.

Review and Discuss Scoring

The Challenge states “a piece of paper and a pencil that you may use as you prepare and present your PERFORMANCE” so theoretically, they could have been incorporated into the Team’s solution. However, the scoring does not seem to award points for doing so.

Teams should always make sure someone reviews the scoring in the challenge to maximize points. For example,

Up to 5 points each (40 points maximum) for human scenery presented

How many different human sceneries did the Team need to present for maximum score – 8 (8 x 5 is 40) There are 8 subjective scores worth up to 5 points each. How did/could your Team make sure the Appraisers “see” your human scenery? (We clearly say what each time we use the human scenery. For example, “The TREES here are very different from those on earth. They seem almost human.”

Challenge: Great Minds Helping Others (Service Learning)

Challenge

Your TASK is to select a task in your community and then to create a meme that will engage others to help meet the community need. You will pitch your need and meme in a PERFORMANCE.

For the purpose of this challenge:

A meme is a humorous and engaging image and/or piece of text that is designed to be copied with slight variations and spread rapidly on social media.

A pitch is persuasive presentation of a project in hopes securing support for its development.

Time

You will have up to 5 minutes to brainstorm needs, ideas to meet those needs and to create a meme. You will then have 3 minutes to plan a performance that will convince others to support your selected need(s). You will then have 1 minute PERFORMANCE time to pitch your idea and meme.

Setup

In the center of the room is a table that holds paper, pencils, markers and a pair of scissors.

Procedure

Part One (5 minutes) Brainstorm needs, ideas how your Team could help meet those needs and create a meme.

Part Two (3 minutes)

Plan a performance that will convince others to support your selected need.

Part Three (1 minutes) Present a PERFORMANCE to pitch your idea and meme.

Materials

- 5 Sheets of Paper
- 5 Sharpened Pencils
- Markers
- Scissors

Scoring

Up to 20 points for the persuasiveness of your selected need.

Up to 20 points for the persuasiveness of your ideas to support the need.

Up to 20 points for the creativity of your meme.

Up to 20 points for the creativity of your performance

Up to 20 points for how well your team works together.

Need and Solution Form

Needs (Up to 10)

Solutions (For 3 Needs)

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

9.

10.

Appraiser Setup Only

The set up consists of providing pencils, blank paper, scissors and markers

Processing Questions

- Are you interested in following through your idea(s) to help a community need?
- Did you have convincing reasons to engage others to help you?
- Did you like creating the meme?
- Review scoring and discuss.

3 Simple (But Important!) Instant Challenge Tournament Tips

By: Andrew Whitmire

Growing up as a DI-er, I always got psyched out at the thought of the Instant Challenge my team and I might face at the tournament. For many years, Instant Challenge was a big and scary unknown and I thought there was no way to prepare. However, that just isn't true! If you follow these three simple Instant Challenge tournament tips, your team will become more confident about approaching not only any Instant Challenge, but anything life throws your way.

1. IDENTIFY AND UNDERSTAND THE INSTANT CHALLENGE TYPE.

The table below is your friend. There are only three broad Instant Challenge types: Performance, Task and Combination (Performance + Task). Your team should spend time reading different Instant Challenges with the goal of being able to instantly identify which type they are.

Performance	Task	Combination
With Props	To Build: Height, Width or to hold Weight	Any combination of Performance and Task-based Instant Challenges
Without Props	To Move	
With Imaginary Props	To Protect	
With Team-made Props	To Communicate	
	To Change	

Why? If every team member is able to identify the type of Instant Challenge they have been presented, everyone can more easily boil down the tasks that need to be completed in order to maximize the score. For instance, if an Instant Challenge requires the team to transport a plastic egg as far as possible, it should be identified as a Task-Based Instant Challenge that requires movement. If the same Challenge also requires the team to come up with a name for its transportation device, the Challenge would be considered Combination.

2. IDENTIFY AND UNDERSTAND THE INSTANT CHALLENGE MATERIALS.

Many Instant Challenges come with materials that your team will use to complete a task or tasks. The team should be able to survey a series of commonplace objects like straws, paperclips, sticky labels and paper and be able to sort them into the following 3 categories:

Extenders	Connectors	Controllers
Used to achieve length	Used to fasten things together	Used to contain, confine or carry

Why? Since Instant Challenges are usually over in about 10 minutes or less, it is important that you do not waste precious time fumbling with the materials you have

been given. Having a common vocabulary and a way to categorize the properties of the materials you have been given will allow your team to jump into the planning and executing stages of the Instant Challenge more easily. Most materials can be categorized in multiple ways. For instance, an envelope, depending on how it is used, could be an extender, a connector or a controller. Your team should think about ways that each item you're given can be used as an extender, connector or controller. Your team should spend time just playing with typical Instant Challenge materials to help you better understand how to manipulate them quickly and efficiently.

3. ASSIGN INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER ROLES.

Being a team doesn't mean that everyone is good at the same things. By assigning yourselves to roles that you are well-suited for you will make the time spent in the Instant Challenge room easier. Some of the potential team roles include:

Task Manager	Leads Task-based Instant Challenges
Performance Manager	Leads Performance-based Instant Challenges
Timekeeper	Keeps track of time left in the Instant Challenge room
Materials Manager	Makes sure that materials are used efficiently
Score Manager	Keeps track of the points, both objective and subjective
Flex Team Member	Works to fill in the gaps and is generally able to fill any role

Why? The Instant Challenge room can be intense and high-pressured because of how quickly everything happens. Walking in and having a general idea of what each team member will be focused on can have a profoundly positive effect. If your team is clear on team roles, the majority of the time can be spent solving the Challenge instead of negotiating who is doing what. Team roles are also fluid and, during practice, your team should switch them up to make sure everyone is practicing outside their comfort zone. So, there it is. If you begin to implement these three simple techniques, your team will increase your ability to solve any Instant Challenge successfully. Just remember to Stay Calm and Instant Challenge On! Good luck!

For more information and tips on Instant Challenge, please consult the Roadmap resource that can be found with your Program Materials. You can also download a PDF version through the [Resource Area](#). To see some of our most popular Instant Challenges solved by teams around the work, check out our [Instant Challenge Video Showcase](#) on YouTube.

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