

What's in a Name?

JUDGE READS TO TEAM:

This is a hands-on problem. In an actual tournament you would have one minute to select the five team members who would compete.

You will have 5 minutes to complete this problem. You may use only the materials on the table in front of you. The materials other than the scissors may be altered in any way. You may use the scissors, but they may not be part of your final solution.

Your Problem is: You are to build a stem for the pink rose. The stem must start on the top of the table and point upwards. When time ends, you will place the rose on the top of the stem. The rose must remain attached to the stem for at least 5 seconds in order to be eligible for score.

Scoring will be as follows:

Every inch that the rose is above the table: 1 point

Every item, or piece of an item, that is not part of the stem when time ends: minus 2 points

How well your team works together: 1-15 points

The creativity of your solution: 1-10 points

Repeat items in bold. Begin by saying 'I repeat.' When you are finished, continue.

You have five minutes, starting now.

FOR JUDGES ONLY:

For the rose, any small silk flower or real flower will work fine. For the building materials, the following list may be helpful:

3 sticks of spaghetti

3 pipe cleaners

2 plastic cups

3 golf balls

5 mailing labels

5 paper clips

1 sheet of paper 8.5" x 11"

10 toothpicks

1" cube of clay