

Chain letter

Judges: Tell teams this is a Hands On problem

You will have 7 minutes to solve this problem.

Give each team member an unsharpened pencil. Place in front of them 30 paper clips all hooked together to form a chain. Place the paperclip chain inside an envelope, place that envelope inside a paper bag, and place the paper bag inside a box.

Your Problem: In front of you are a closed box with several items inside, and five unsharpened pencils. Each team member should have only one pencil to use as a tool. The team must separate the items as much as possible in seven minutes. They may talk, but they may not give each other their pencils or use any part of their person.

Score:

Opened box: 5 points

Opened bag: 5 points

Opened envelope: 5 points

20 points for each separated Paper clip

Minus 10 points for every time the team physically touches the items

1 point for every second remaining on the clock after all the items are separated.

Reread the problem.

For experienced teams, make the problem a non-verbal problem to enhance the problem.

Spontaneous is like three pigs in a copper tub of cherry Jell-O; It's only a problem if you can't see through the Jell-O.

Be Spontaneous....