

Verbal Spontaneous: Celebrate or not?

(When the team enters the room, tell the team that this will be a verbal problem)

- 1) You will have 1 minute to think and 3 minutes to respond.
- 2) Each of you has 7 cards. After each response, you will place a card in the container. You will respond in sequence. You may give responses until you no longer have any cards or until time ends, whichever occurs first.
- 3) Questions count against your thinking time.
- 4) Common answers will receive 1 point. Creative answers will receive 5 points.
- 5) Your problem is to name things that are celebrated and who celebrates them, OR name things that are not celebrated and who does not celebrate them. For example, you could say, "Everyone celebrates birthdays" or "No one celebrates math tests."

For Judges Only

- 1) Provide 35 cards. If you have colored cards or cards that are somehow marked, that works the best.
- 2) Look for unusual responses and always reward humor
- 3) Examples of common responses (1 point)

Most people celebrate holidays.
Older people celebrate retiring.
Students celebrate graduation.
Cooks celebrate good food.

Baseball players do not celebrate a strike out.
No one celebrates a low grade.
No one celebrates a stomach ache.

- 4) Creative responses (5 points)

Students celebrate recess.
Ants celebrate picnics.
American Idol celebrates singing.
Gymnasts celebrate sticking their landings.
Feet celebrate comfortable shoes.

Turkeys do not celebrate Thanksgiving.
Snowmen do not celebrate warm weather.
Mice do not celebrate cat's birthdays.
Dogs do not celebrate fleas.