

Verbal Spontaneous: A Piece of Cake

(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 4 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 something that makes something else easy. For example, you might say "A knife makes it easy to cut a cake."

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)

Response similar to the example that states a tool makes a task easy.

A brush makes it easy to fix my hair.

A fork makes it easy to eat.

Detergent makes it easy to wash clothes.

A pen makes it easy to sign my name.

The internet makes it easy to find information.

- 4) Creative responses (5 points)

A funny joke makes it easy to laugh.

Brainstorming makes it easy to solve problems.

Germs make it easy to get sick.

Onions make it easy to cry.

Veins make it easy for blood to flow.

Creativity makes it easy to create solutions.