



# **Odyssey of the Mind<sup>®</sup>**

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### **VERBAL SPONTANEOUS PROBLEM: WHY? MOTHER NATURE**

- A.** *When the team members enter the room, tell them, "This is a verbal problem. You have 1 minute to select the five team members who will compete. The others must sit in these seats and watch (indicate seats) or leave the room. They may not participate in any way."*
- B. JUDGE READS TO TEAMS:** (Do not read material in parentheses.)
- (1) This is a two-part problem. In Part I, you will have 3 minutes to discuss the problem and create your solution.** You will be warned when 1 minute and when 30 seconds remain. In Part II you will have 4 minutes to present your solution. You cannot talk to each other in Part II. You may ask the judges questions; however, time will continue.
  - (2) Your problem is to tell a story that includes questions for Mother Nature.**
  - (3) When Part II begins, the first team member will start the story. The next team member will add to the story, and so on.**
  - (4) Each of you has seven cards. After your turn, you must place one of your cards in the container (point to container).**
  - (5) You do not have to mention Mother Nature or ask a question for Mother Nature in your response.
  - (6) You will receive 1 point for each common response and 5 points for each creative response.
  - (7) Speak loudly and clearly. Once time begins, it will not be stopped, even if the judge asks you to repeat your response, or to clarify it, or to give a more appropriate response.
  - (8) You cannot skip your turn. If one member of the team is stuck, the team is stuck.
  - (9) You will be finished when Part II ends or you have used all of your cards.
- (Repeat items in boldface. Begin by saying, "I repeat.")*

