

Destination Imagination Instant Challenge – Mar 2004

Type: Verbal **Title: *Saint Patrick's Month*** **Difficulty: Medium**

Prepare: Seat each team around a table in any order they choose. Provide each team with a sheet of paper and two pencils.

Read: “Welcome to our Instant Challenge, where you will have the opportunity to demonstrate your creative “Luck o’ the Irish” skills. For every team who is competing in your Team Challenge at your competition level, we will be presenting this Instant Challenge today.”

The Scene: “March 17th is celebrated in some communities as St Patrick’s Day. Traditional Irish blessings are exchanged between friends on this day.”

The Challenge: “Create as many Irish blessings as possible in the time given.”

The Time: “Your team will have five (5) minutes to think of and write down humorous Irish Blessings. Your team will then have two (2) minutes to present your best Irish Blessings to the officials. During the performance, any team member may speak a blessing in any order, but only one blessing will be scored at a time. Good Luck and listen for the time signals from the Challenge Master!”

Scoring: “The Appraisers will be scoring as follows, one point for each complete Irish Blessing presented, three points for each highly creative Irish Blessing given, and a bonus of 20 points if at least three different team members present Irish Blessings during presentation.

Example Irish Blessings:

1. “May your hair be always combed and your dog be always groomed – with separate brushes.”
2. “May the sun always shine on your face and the wind be always at your back, especially when you spit.”

Items to be used:

“No props are used in this challenge.”

Scoring will be as follows: (Scoring performed by team manager)

	<i>Element:</i>	<i>Points:</i>	<i>Team Score:</i>	<i>Comments:</i>
A.	Each successful blessing:	1		
B.	Each highly creative blessing:	3		
C.	Bonus (for blessings from at least three different team members):	20		
	TOTAL:			

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Manager's Notes

These are questions to ask your team during the critique after the team presents their solution.

The Challenge:

- 1) "Create as many Irish blessings as possible ..."
Did you think of more than five blessings? Did each team member contribute?
- 2) "...five (5) minutes to think of and write down..."
Did your team select a recorder? Did you write down detailed blessings or only word clues?
- 3) "... any team member may speak a blessing in any order..."
How did your team determine what order to give the blessings?
- 4) "... bonus of 20 points if..."
Did you recognize this important bonus? Did your team earn a bonus? If not, how could your team have changed the presentation to earn a bonus?

The Time: *Did you each practice thinking of at least two responses during your think/write time? Did you have time left after you gave all your written answers?*

The Scene: *Did any team member suggest using an Irish accent to help add humor? Did any team member know of any Irish Blessings before you started this problem?*

Teamwork: *Did you listen to your team members as they responded and play off of their responses to improve the creativity of your own responses? Did any team member add blessings after your written material was done?*