

Destination Imagination Instant Challenge – Oct 2005

Type: **Play**

Title: *What's the Deal?*

Difficulty: **Hard**

Prepare: Make 26 flash cards of the alphabet. Provide each team with one Key Phrase sheet, two blank sheets of paper and two pencils.

Read: “Welcome to our Instant Challenge, where you will have the opportunity to demonstrate your creative script-writing 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: “Your DI team has forgotten to bring the pre-written script to the Tournament and needs to write a new one, quickly!”

The Challenge: “Write an original script as a team and present the script three times, each time changing the dialogue to use a Key Phrase.”

The Time: “Your team will have five (5) minutes to write an original script on the blank paper. Write the script for at least three main characters to solve the Mystery below. The official will give you three random letter cards – your team will have one minute to decide on and write down a three-word Key Phrase with words that each begin with each of the letters on your cards. Your team will then read through the script, repeating this Key Phrase as many times as possible during the script. Then, the official will give you three more cards – repeat the script but with a new Key Phrase. Finally, repeat the script a third time with a third Key Phrase. Good Luck and listen for the time signals from the Challenge Master!”

Mystery: A family lives on a farm outside town. One morning, the family discovers that the family tractor is missing! Describe what happens when they find out about the loss. Can they solve the mystery quickly?

Scoring: “The Appraisers will be scoring in the following areas, teamwork displayed during planning and construction, creativity, creativity of your display, and creativity during your presentation.

Items to be used:

“Only the items provided in the paper Challenge bag may be used to construct instruments. Any Questions?”

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 creative use of a Key Phrase during a performance:	5		Repeating or chanting the Key Phrase does not count!
B.	Creativite solution to mystery:	1-10		
C.	Teamwork:	1-10		During writing and reading
	TOTAL:			

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Key Phrase Sheet

Script Reading # 1

Letters: _____

Key Phrase #1 _____

Script Reading # 2

Letters: _____

Key Phrase #1 _____

Script Reading # 3

Letters: _____

Key Phrase #1 _____

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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) "Write an original script as a team..." *Did your team have a practiced method of writing a quick script? If not, what could your team do to improve it's ability to quickly generate scripts?*
- 2) "...least three main characters to solve the Mystery below." *Did you write the script to quickly solve the mystery? How could your mystery solution help your final team score?*
- 3) "...decide on and write down a three-word Key Phrase..." *Did you have fun creating a Key Phrase? Did you get better at creating a Key Phrase?*
- 4) "... repeat the script but with a new Key Phrase..." *Did your team improve during the third reading of the script?*

The Time: *Did you make the best use of the time allowed for script writing? What might help you be more effective during Key Phrase time? Did you pick a time keeper?*

The Scene: *Do you have a method for quickly generating ideas for a script/play?*

Teamwork: *Did you pick a leader? What could make you a more effective team during instant challenges?*