

Destination Imagination Instant Challenge – Sep 2004

Type: Hybrid

Title: *Junk Music*

Difficulty: Hard

Prepare: Place 6-8 random junk items in a paper sack for each team competing, plus two sheets of paper and two pencils. The items should be as different as possible from one another and small enough to be easily handled and stored.

Read: “Welcome to our Instant Challenge, where you will have the opportunity to demonstrate your creative, “quick with a song” 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 team is auditioning for a big music contract with Instant Hits Recording (IHR) Company, but forgot your instruments. Your team must quickly build instruments that produce audible sound and write original music. You then will have 1 minute to audition your song for the IHR Company officials.

The Challenge: “Using only the items in your Challenge Bag; create at least two sound-making instruments, write an original song with at least four lines, and play the song accompanied by your instruments to the officials.”

The Time: “Your team will have 2 minutes to plan during which you will be permitted to touch the materials, but not construct anything. Your team will have 8 minutes to create your instruments and write your song lyrics. Your team will then have 1 minute to play and sing your song to the officials. Good Luck and listen for the time signals from the Challenge Master!”

Scoring: “The Appraisers will be scoring in the following areas, teamwork displayed during planning, construction and audition, creativity and number of the instruments, creativity and originality of sounds and lyrics, and humor.

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.	Creativity of the instruments:	1-20		
B.	Creativity of sounds and lyrics:	5 / line		(Max 20 points)
C.	Creativity of audition:	1-20		
D.	Bonus for each sounding instrument over two:	10@		(Max 20 points)
E.	Teamwork:	1-20		
	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) “Using only the items in your Challenge Bag...” *Did you make the best use of ALL materials provided?*
- 2) “...create at least three sound-making instruments...” *Did you plan to make just two instruments? More? Did you notice the bonus points for more instruments?*
- 3) “...write an original song with at least four lines...” *What might help you better prepare to write music and/or lyrics?*
- 4) “...play the song accompanied by your instruments to the officials.” *Did you have fun playing your instruments?*

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

The Scene: *Could you have (did you) used ALL the materials? Do you have a method for quickly writing original music or stories?*

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