Spontaneous

**Verbal**

5 team members participate (know who they are)

Usually 1-2 minutes to think, many times they cannot talk

Try giving them anywhere between 3-5 minutes to respond

Practice with limited responses (try 7 per member)

Try using pass cards (sometimes award them points for unused cards)

Remind them that creative responses are worth more!

Encourage piggybacking when you are stuck

Have back up areas

“Keep” responses on your fingers

Encourage loud and clear speaking

Practice a variety of problems

**Verbal Hands-on**

5 team members participate (know who they are)

Usually 1-4 minutes to think, many times they cannot talk

Try giving them anywhere between 3-7 minutes to respond

Practice with limited responses (try 7 per member)

Practice “story problems”

Use a variety of props

Sometimes they can collaborate during think time

Encourage them to put props in everyone’s reach

Make sure if they must demonstrate with a prop, they do so in a way the judges can see them.

**Hands-on**

5 team members participate (know who they are)

There are many possibilities for think time and response time- practice as many kinds as possible

Have “roles”

Make sure they LISTEN TO EACH OTHER

Encourage loophole thinking

\*Many problems award points for teamwork. Teach sportsmanship.

**DON’T WAIT TO PRACTICE!**

You can use spontaneous to brainstorm for long-term.

It’s a great “warm-up” for anything!