

Instant Challenge  
Entry and Advanced Levels

# Determining Initials

**Challenge:** Randomly select three initials. Then, present a **PERFORMANCE** in which your team shows an organization whose name has these initials.

For the purposes of this challenge, an “initial” is the first letter of a word.

**Time:** You will have up to 1 minute to select three initials from a hat. Then, you will have up to 4 minutes to use your IMAGINATION to plan your **PERFORMANCE**. You then will have up to 2 minutes to present your **PERFORMANCE** to the Appraisers.

**The Scene:** Many organizations are referred to by their initials. What could the initials your team selects stand for?

- **Part One** (1 minute): Your team should randomly select three letters from the hat. Only one team member may select a letter at a time. The team member may not look in the hat while selecting a letter.
- **Part Two** (4 minutes): Create a **PERFORMANCE** where you show an organization whose name has the initials. Be sure to decide what the organization does. You will be given two copies of a sheet on which to write the name of the organization. Write this name on both copies of the sheet. Give one copy of the sheet to the appraisers at the end of Part One.
- **Part Three** (2 minutes): Present your **PERFORMANCE** to the appraisers.

## Materials:

You will be given two copies of the sheet on which to write the name of the organization in Part One. All props should be imaginary. A piece of paper and a pencil will be available for your team to use as you plan and present your **PERFORMANCE**.

**Scoring:** You will receive up to:

- 10 points (30 points maximum) for the creativity of what each letter stands for.
- 20 points for the creativity of the name of the organization.
- 30 points for the creativity of what your organization does.
- 20 points for how well your team works together.

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### **For Appraisers Only:**

1. The letters selected by the team from the hat should be written on slips of paper and folded in half once. There should be one of each letter of the alphabet AND all of the following extra letters: 4 A's, 3 C's, 4 E's, 3 I's, 3 L's, 3 N's, 3 O's, 3 R's, 3 S's, 3 T's, and 3 U's.
2. The team may put the letters they draw in any order. They may be used more than once, as long as each letter is included as an initial of the name of the organization. The team may invent words that each letter stands for.
3. The only words in the name of the organization that do not need to be included in the initials are as follows: a, an, and, some, the, of, that, it, at, for.

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# Name of the Organization

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