

Destination Imagination Instant Challenge – Feb 2005

Type: Verbal **Title: *Be Mine! (Valentine)*** **Difficulty: Medium**

Prepare: Seat each team around a table in any order they choose.

Read: “Welcome to our Instant Challenge, where you will have the opportunity to demonstrate your “I love to be creative!” 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 school has allowed you to exchange verbal valentines to each other for three minutes only today.”

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

The Time: “Your team will have one (1) minute to silently think of (clean) humorous expressions of fondness or affection. Your team will then have three (3) minutes to verbally exchange your Valentine’s Day wishes in pairs. Working in turns clockwise around the table, each team member will express a Valentine’s Day wish to the team member to their right, then that team member will return a different Valentine’s Day greeting back. Moving clockwise (left), the next team member will exchange wishes/greeting with the member to their right, and so on. Each pair of team members may assume identities when performing. Do not pass. Good Luck and listen for the time signals from the Challenge Master!”

Scoring: “The Appraisers will be scoring as follows, one point for each Valentine’s Day wish presented, three points for each highly creative Valentine.”

Example Valentine’s Day Exchange:

Member #1: “I’m a Miner Fourty-Niner – Would you be my Clementine?”

Member #2: “That’s Val-entine. Be MINE!” (making pick digging motions)

Note: This might count as two creative Valentines – you can do even better!

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 Valentine spoken:	1		
B.	Each highly creative Valentine:	3		
	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 Valentines as possible..." *Did you each think of more than three Valentines? Did each team member contribute a creative wish?*
- 2) "...three (3) minutes to verbally exchange your Valentine's Day wishes..." *Did you team have any trouble remembering wishes without writing them down?*
- 3) "...exchange your Valentine's Day wishes in pairs." *How did your team determine who starts? How did you react to this pairing requirement?*
- 4) "Each pair of team members may assume identities..." *Did this hint help think of more creative Valentine's Day wishes? How could you use this during a problem that did not provide this hint?*

The Time: *Did you each practice thinking of at least three responses during your think time?*

The Scene: *Did any team member take the group in a new direction by assuming a special identity?*

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?*