



VISUAL BRAINSTORMS®

Visual Brainstorms® is a collection of 100 individual Brain-boggling challenge cards.

TO PLAY AS A GAME

Who Can Play: Teams of one or more people can play. Multiple teams work well for larger groups. We recommend Visual Brainstorms for ages 10 to adult, with younger players teaming up with older partners.

Equipment Needed: Paper and pencils are allowed and will be very helpful for some challenges. You will also need paper and pencil for recording answers and keeping score. No computers, smart phones or calculators are allowed when solving the challenges. You will need a clock or stopwatch as well.

How to Play: Divide your players into teams. Place a card on the table where everyone can see it. Team members take a good look; then start straining their brains. The first team that thinks they have the correct answer writes it down on a piece of paper, turns it over, and calls out “Finished!” Once a team calls “Finished”, they cannot change their answer and must put all of their pencils down. Other teams then get one minute to jot down their own answers.

When time is up, score points for each team with a correct answer. Then, if the team that called out “Finished!” had the correct answer, they have one minute to answer the Bonus Question which must be read to them by another team. Play continues in this fashion until one team wins!

VISUAL BONUS EYEBALL

When you draw a challenge with the “Visual Bonus” eye  on the front of the card, memorize everything you can about the picture. The bonus question on the back of the card will ask you to remember some detail in the scene!

SCORING

Point Values: Visual Brainstorms challenges are color-coded to indicate level of difficulty and scoring value:

-  **Green:** Easy questions, score 1 point.
-  **Blue:** Hard questions, score 2 points.
-  **Red:** Extra hard questions, score 3 points.

Bonus questions score 1 point.

WINNING THE GAME

The first team to score the required points is the winner!

Two teams = 10 points

Three teams = 8 points

Four or more teams = 5 points

SOLITAIRE

Draw cards one at a time and try each challenge, then look on the back of the card to check your answer. Be sure to try out the Bonus Question!

CREDITS

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