

Lightning Round Instructions and Sample

The lightning round is team-based in which the entire team confers, but only the captain delivers the team's response to the moderator.

At the beginning of the lightning-round period, the team trailing in score (Team A) has the choice of three lightning sets. Each set is described with a brief lead-in (see sample below). In the event the score is tied, the team that scored the last points to tie the score has the first choice of the lightning sets.

A team has 60 seconds to answer as many of the 10 questions as possible. The moderator reads one question at a time; a team can answer, pass, or stall (no answer; waiting for the 60 seconds to expire). When a team captain responds, the moderator identifies the answer as correct or not and moves to the next question. A team cannot return to a passed question. The process of the moderator reading a question, waiting for a response, and then identifying the correctness of the response continues until the 60-second time limit is exhausted. The moderator stops reading questions, no matter how many he/she has read, when time is called.

When the time has expired, the opposing team (Team B) has 30 seconds to rebound the incorrect or passed questions. However, the questions are not re-read nor are those questions which were not asked in the original 60 seconds read for the rebounding team. The rebounding team identifies the answers by question number and the moderator adjudicates their responses.

Team B then has its chance to choose from the remaining two lightning sets and the process is repeated, again with an opportunity for rebounding for Team A.

Correct responses are valued at 10 points each, either first-read or rebound. If a team correctly answers all ten questions within the 60-second time limit, the team is awarded a sweep bonus of 20 points.

Lightning set topics are wide and varied, but they are always based on a single theme (composers, the 1920s, quick math calculation, chemical formulae, etc.).

Vice-Presidents: I will give you the name of a US Vice-President. You tell me the name of the President under whom he served.

Question	Answer	Team A	Team B
1. Spiro Agnew	1. Richard Nixon		
2. Hubert Humphrey	2. Lyndon B. Johnson		
3. Calvin Coolidge	3. Warren Harding		
4. Gerald Ford	4. Richard Nixon		
5. Harry Truman	5. Franklin Roosevelt		
6. John Adams	6. George Washington		
7. Walter Mondale	7. Jimmy Carter		
8. Dan Quayle	8. George H. W. Bush (<i>must specify which Bush@</i>)		
9. William Rufus King	9. Franklin Pierce		
10. George H. W. Bush	10. Ronald Reagan		