

JUST A MINUTE!

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This game has enjoyed nearly fifty years of popularity on BBC Radio. We'll divide into four teams, each of which will have one representative playing at a time. To begin a round, I will introduce a topic, which could be anything, but will be fairly broad and won't require any special knowledge to discuss. The starting player must speak about this topic for one minute. The speech may consist of facts, opinions, anecdotes, etc., but must not commit any of the three basic sins: hesitation, repetition, or deviation.

Hesitation is defined as pausing during a speech or stumbling over one's words. Even a short lapse can be a violation. Keep talking!

Repetition is defined as saying any word within the speech twice. Exceptions are short, extremely common words (like articles, pronouns, conjunctions, and prepositions) and the words contained in the topic title, as long as it's not to an unreasonable degree (i.e. don't just say the topic over and over again for a minute).

Deviation is defined as getting significantly sidetracked from the given topic, from reality, or from the English language in general.

While one player is speaking, the other three representatives will be listening for violations. If you think one has been committed, raise your hand. I will stop the timer and you will explain your challenge. If I agree with the challenge, the objecting team will earn one point, the speaker's team will send up another player to listen for violations, and the objecting player will take over speaking with whatever time is remaining in the minute. If I overrule the challenge, the speaker's team earns a point and the speaker may resume. Whoever is talking when the minute expires gets another point for the team. I will announce the time remaining after every interruption, but otherwise only I will be able to see the clock. Play as long as you like!

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A Fitting End

[Come up with your own!]