

## A MODERN FAIRY TALE

Adults think that the whole point of fairy tales is to teach children about good behavior. (Well, some adults anyway.) For example, the important lesson of Chicken Little might be, “Don’t get too excited.” Or maybe, “Learn some physics and astronomy.” Or something like that. Perhaps its time for modern children to hear fairy tales with modern lessons. Can your team write a new fairy tale with an important message for our time?

**Challenge:** Write and perform an original story with an fresh and unusual lesson about good behavior.

**Time:** Part One: You will have 4 minutes to create a new fairy tale with an up-to-date message and to prepare a brief skit to tell your story.  
Part Two: You will have 1 minute to perform your solution for the appraisers.

**Materials:** a sheet of paper and a pencil (for planning your solution only)

**Scoring:** up to 20 points for the creativity of the message  
up to 30 points for the relevance of the message for modern people  
up to 10 points if the fairy tale has a beginning, middle and end  
up to 15 points for the effectiveness of the presentation  
up to 25 points for positive team work

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