

Write It, Do It BC

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What is the event?

One of the few events where B and C Div. rules are identical.

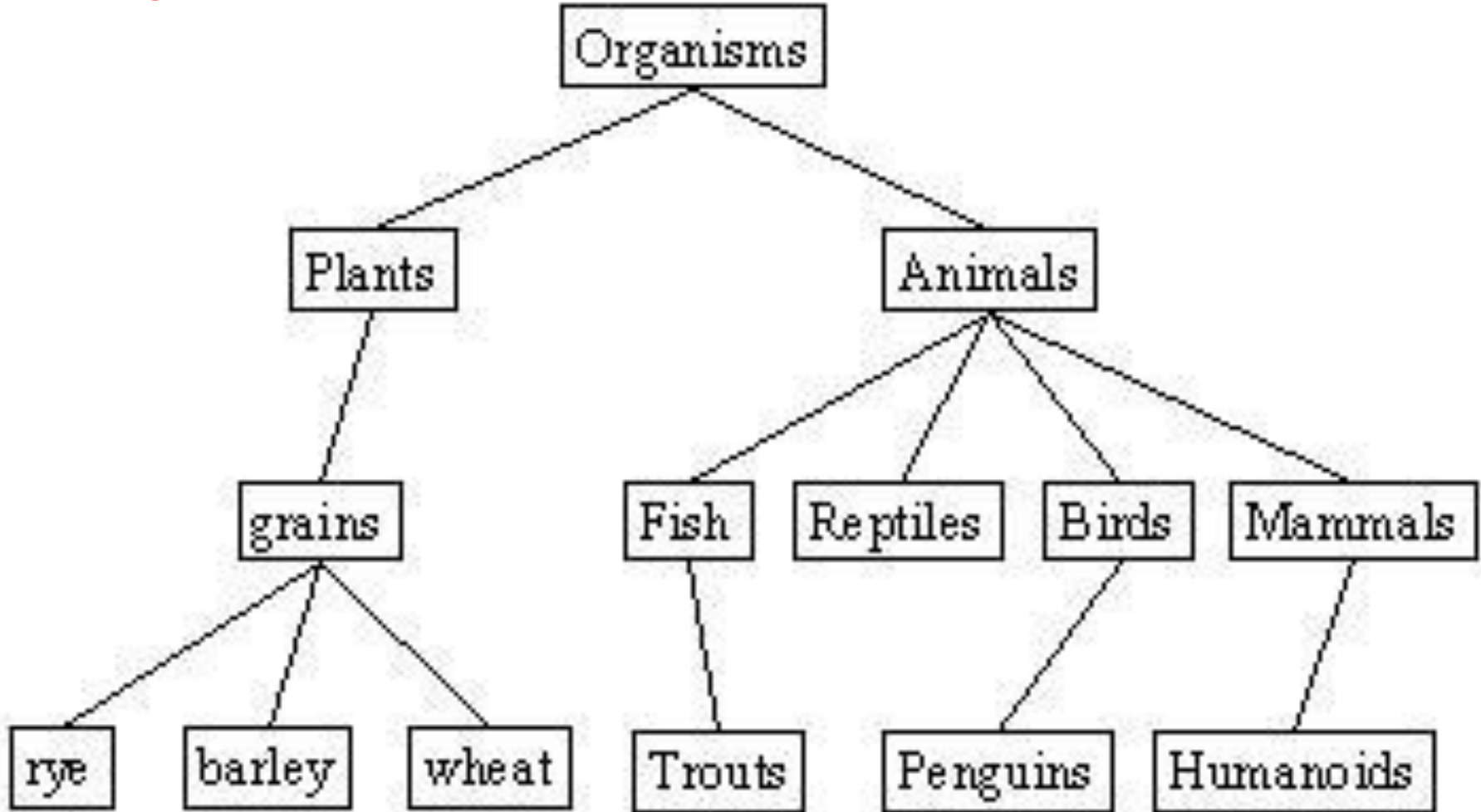
The Writer will be given an object. They have 25 minutes to describe how to build the object.

The Doer has 20 minutes to use their partner's instructions to build the object from individual pieces.



What NOT to do:

Diagrams

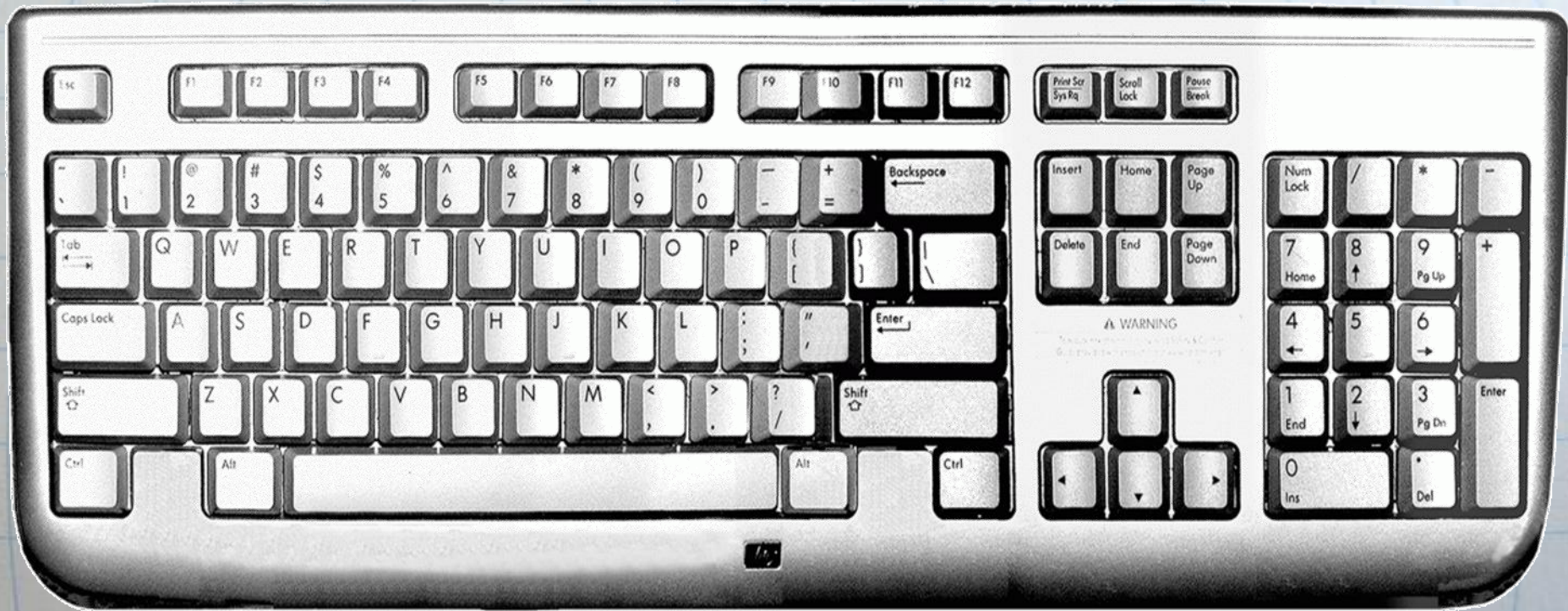


Drawings



What you CAN use:

printable punctuation marks/editing symbols
produced on standard 101 key keyboard



Make sure your students understand the rules!

Here's my personal anecdote:

My partner wrote the perfect instructions on making the structure. How did I know it was the perfect instructions? After I finished making the structure from the last line of instructions, I flipped the page and there was an exact drawing of what I had just built. My partner had written the instructions and drawn a picture of the structure. Because of the picture, we got DQ'ed for this event.

How to Prepare for the Event!

PRACTICE

Knowledge is a treasure, but practice is the key to it.

Tomorrow's battle is won during today's practice.

Knowledge without practice is not your art, and it will soon be lost.

Practice is nothing.

Practice makes permanent.

Practice makes perfect.

An ounce of practice is worth a pound of precept.

The achievement of all work is practice.



Start Early

Pair partners up early.

Doers learn writer's quirks and idiosyncrasies.

- For example, instead of trying to describe the piece below as “a white plastic piece with 8 prongs sticking out and....,” we called it a snowflake

Get a feel for the time intervals.

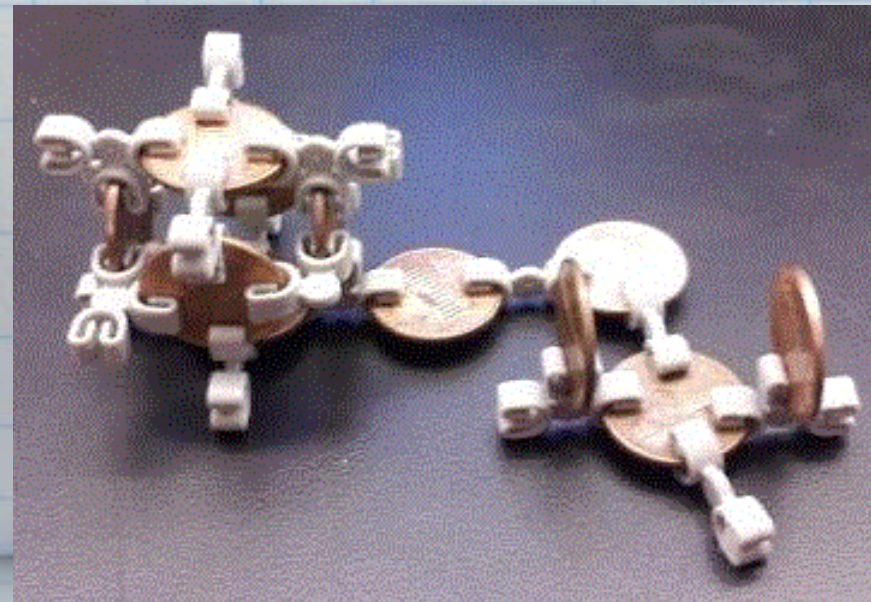
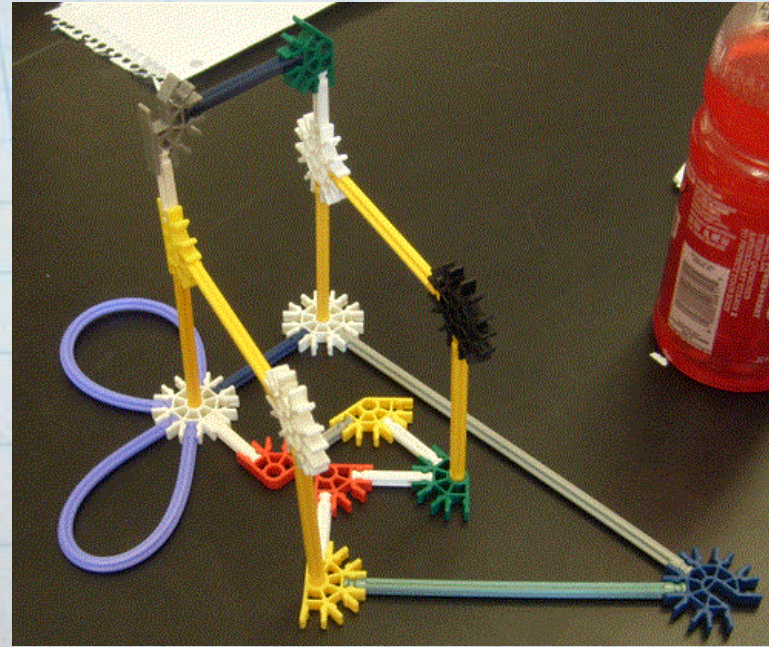
Once per week.



What to make models out of:

- Building Sets
 - Legos®
 - K'Nex®
- Random Junk
 - Pipe Cleaners
 - Washers
 - Beads
 - Straws

Have different people make models.



Doing it right

When finished, students should put the two models next to each other, and go through what mistakes were made and how to correct them in the future.



Alternate Methods

Switch Roles

Have the writer build the model.

Make a really complex model that isn't timed

Get lots of people involved!



End

Questions?

