

Competition Rules

Part 1 is broken down into 9 rounds of 7 questions each. Questions come from the *Brain Facts* book published by the Society for Neuroscience (<http://www.brainfacts.org/the-brain-facts-book>). Questions will be read one at a time by the judge and all participants will have 30 seconds to answer the same question. Each answer is written on a separate large index card. Spelling does not count but the judges must be able to tell what the answer is. After 30 seconds, the judge will read the correct answer. Participants will hold up their index cards for the judge and spotters, and incorrect answers will be taken from them. Participants will move to the next round only if they answer the predetermined number of questions correctly. For example, 3 out of 7 in round 1. Participants eliminated from the competition will move to the audience.

The goal at the end of 9 rounds is to have 3 finalists. If more than 3 participants remain in the competition at the end of 9 rounds, the top 3 will be determined by the total number of correct answers from rounds 1-9. In the event of a tie for the third finisher, 4 finishers will enter the **Final Round**. If there are 3 participants remaining in the competition before completing 9 rounds, **Part 1** questioning will end and the **Final Round** will begin.

In the **Final Round**, participants will be ranked based on the number of correct answers provided in the previous rounds. Questions will begin with the lowest ranking, likely third place, contestant and must be answered aloud. If an incorrect answer is given, the question will be asked of the next contestant. If that contestant gives a correct answer and answers the next question correctly, the previous contestant is eliminated. The final contestant to correctly answer two questions in a row will be the winner.