

Instructions for the Food Safety Basics Blow-out game

1. In preparation for the game, print out three copies of the score card – one for yourself and one for each group.
2. Brief commentaries on some of the answers are contained in the notes for the answer slides and it is recommended that you print these out before starting the game. The option to print notes pages is available in the print dialogue box within PowerPoint.
3. Divide the students into two groups.
4. Distribute a copy of the score card to each group. Ask them to tick the corresponding boxes once the questions have been attempted by either group, so that they know which questions are left to answer as the game progresses.
5. Using a process of random selection (for example by drawing lots), decide which group starts the game.
6. Open the PowerPoint presentation 'Food Safety Basics Blow-out' by double-clicking the icon.
7. Within PowerPoint, click the 'Slide Show' tab and select the 'From Beginning' option in PowerPoint 2007 or 'View Show' in PowerPoint 2003 (F5 works as a shortcut key in both versions of PowerPoint).
8. When the screen goes black, press the forward arrow on the keyboard once to begin.
9. Once the title slide has come up and the explosion sound has played, press enter or the forward arrow key to move to the question table.
10. Let Group 1 choose any question from the table by subject and points score.
11. When Group 1 has made its selection (for example 'Go with the (food) flow'/300 points), hover over this cell until the mouse pointer becomes a hand and then click to reveal the question.
12. Give Group 1 the opportunity to answer the question.
13. To reveal the answer, click on the points box at the bottom right of the question slide.
14. If Group 1 answers correctly, click on the sound icon at the bottom right of the answer slide to play applause. If Group 1 answers incorrectly, click the sound icon at the bottom left to play the sound of a breaking plate.
15. Make a note of Group 1's score on your score card.
16. To return to the question table, click the 'Back to questions' button on the answer slide.
17. Let Group 2 choose any question from the table by subject and points score and repeat the process described above.
18. When all the questions have been selected, the group with the highest score can choose whether or not to go for a bonus question to double or triple its points.
19. After the first group has attempted a bonus question, and if the second group still has a chance of winning, let the second group attempt the remaining bonus question.
20. The group with the highest score wins.