

Lean Q/C-ARDY

The “Asking Questions Game” for Becoming a Lean Enterprise

Game Strategy

In the *Jeopardy* TV game show, the contestants are presented with general knowledge clues in the form of answers, and the contestants must phrase their responses in the form of questions.

The traditional phrasings are:

- Who is/are..? For people
- What is/are..? For things

Things You'll Need

- Poster board & Marker
- Index cards
- Trivia questions related to the subject matter, e.g. “Becoming a Lean Enterprise”.

Preparations

- Create a game board like the panel on the television game show by drawing a grid on a poster board with a marker. Since we are focused on one topic, the grid should have six rows and one column.
- Position six index cards under the column title “Becoming a Lean Enterprise”.
- Choose six questions and answers for the column/topic. Record them on a “key” for the leadership team member to have.
- Write the selected six different answers (remember, Jeopardy is backwards) on each index card under “Becoming a Lean Enterprise”.
- On the reverse side of each index card with the answer, write six different money amounts of \$200, \$400, \$600, \$800, \$1,000 and \$2,000 to be placed under the column.
- Pin the index cards, with the answers-side down and money-side up, on the game board. The index cards should be in ascending order and under the column.



Directions

- A leadership team member at each table receives a Q/C-ARDY game board along with a “key” about the dollar amounts and questions that match up the answers (facing down on the game board) that are on the index cards.
- The leadership team member displays the game board to the table group to play Q/C-ARDY for the subject/column that is the topic of focus: “Becoming a Lean Enterprise”.
- Each table plays as a team, competing against all other table groups for prizes.
- Members at a table can select which answer to uncover first then next, e.g. \$200, \$400, \$600, etc.
- The leadership team member uncovers the answer selected by the table group and reads out loud the answer selected.
- The table group can work together to come up with the correct question.
- The table group can keep guessing until they come up with the correct question. It MUST be in a form of question.
- When the correct response is given, repeat the process until all cards are uncovered and all have been responded to correctly.
- When all answers have been uncovered and responded to correctly, the entire table group calls out “AQL”!
- The first table to call out “AQL” wins a prize for each person at the table.
- If no table can finish responding correctly to all answer-cards, then each table adds up the dollar amounts associated with their correctly identified questions. The table with the highest dollar total wins a prize for each person at their table. This game can be adapted to fit your particular needs and organizational make-up. It’s a fun way to foster teamwork and practice the skill of *asking questions!*



Sample Question from our Lean Q/C-ARDY game.

The Lean Enterprise \$600 – A new helper on a job places one carton on a 2-wheel dolly, then wheels the dolly to the truck to unload, and continues to repeat the process only loading one carton at a time.

→→What is **EXCESS MOTION**?

