

Sample Questions for Judges

To the inventor...

- How did you come up with the idea for your invention?
- Did you work on the first idea you thought of?
- Did you have any problems with your invention?
- Did you build any prototypes before this one?
- Where did you get your materials/supplies?
- Have you thought of ways to make your invention even better?
- Once your invention was finished, did you test it? How?
- If you had it to do over again, would you have done anything differently?
- What are the similarities between your invention and other inventions in this judging group?

To the other students in the judging circle...

- Do you understand the invention?
- Are there any questions?
- Do any of you have the problem that this invention solves?
- Would it work for you?
- Who would like to try this invention?
- What do you think about it?
- Does it work?
- How might this invention help you or the people you know?
- Can you find any problems with the invention?
- How could you [the inventor] fix the problems?
- What are the similarities between this invention and that one?

To the very young inventors...

- Did you have fun inventing?
- What was more fun for you, thinking up your invention or building it and making it work?