**Contact**

*Number of participants: Minimum 3. The more the merrier.*

1. One participant becomes the Chosen One who thinks of a word.

2. The aim of the game is for the rest of the contestants to guess that word.

3. The Chosen One reveals the first letter of the word.(eg. if he’s thought of the word ‘small’, he says ‘S’).

4. One of the remaining participants(call him Chosen Two) then thinks of another word that begins with the same letter and gives a clue describing that word. (eg. Chosen Two can think of ‘Spider’, and say ‘Hey! I thought of a word. Your clue is, it has 8 legs.’ )

5. It’s a race between the Chosen One and the other contestants to guess Chosen Two’s word.

6. If Chosen One guesses it first, then go to step 4.

7. If the other participants guess it correctly together first(a countdown is given so they all say the word at the same time), then Chosen Two has to reveal the second letter of his word. (eg. ‘m’).

8. Now it’s step 4., except Chosen Two has to think of a word that starts with the same two letters that Chosen One has revealed.(‘sm-’ in this case.)

9. The game continues until

* Chosen Two happens to think of the same word as Chosen One
* The participants give up and Chosen One laughs at them before revealing his word
* The participants guess Chosen One’s word correctly when he reveals a letter(Before a Chosen Two is required)

**Judge a Book by its Cover**

*Solo Event*

The participant is given a random book cover and an unrelated title.

Assuming the role of an aspiring author, the contestant will have to convince the audience to read the book, by advertising the characters, plot, et al.

**Scenes from a hat**

*Solo Event*

Really, the title says it all.

Participants pick out a chit from an assortment of them in a hat and act out the scene written on it.

Extra points are awarded if the acting is original and has the audience in splits.

**Cryptic Crossword**

*Number of Participants: Teams of 2*

Cryptic crosswords are crosswords in which each clue is a word puzzle in and of itself. However, this will be a “Do it on your own time” sort of event, where the participant will be given a copy of the cryptic crossword, has to solve it, and deposit it in one of the several dropboxes in and around the campus.

**Wordgames**

*Number of Participants: 1 or 2 per team*

A paper that tests your knowledge of anagrams, puns and a bunch of other sections that ridicule/appreciate the ambiguity of the English language.

**Poetry Slam**

*Solo Event*

Participants are required to write original Poems in English and recite them in front of an audience.

A time limit of 5 minutes on stage is given and there is no upper limit on the number of poems read out.

They are judged on creativity and stage presence.

There are additional theme based rounds in the same format.

**Creative Writing**

*Solo Event*

Multiple prompts would be provided to the participants on the spot, and they have to come up with a 200-300 word write-up on the prompt of their choice. Only one prompt can be used for each literary piece. But if you’re feeling overly creative, you have all the liberty to write a piece on each of the prompts provided to you. However, only the first one will be judged.

**Lit Quiz**

*Number of participants: 3 per team*

An oral quiz about everything related to the world of literature and words and writers and their tall tales.

Multiple rounds.

**Spelling Bee**

*Solo Event*

* First Round : written.
* Top 12 participants will be shortlisted and face off in an oral spell bee with multiple rounds.

**Small Talk**

Interactive session with acclaimed Goan authors, as well as popular author Jerry Pinto, and prominent newsperson Rajdeep Sardesai.

**Verbal Pun-ishment**

*Solo Event*

A verbal pun-based competition judged by Stephan Pastis.

**Scrabble**

*Number of participants: 1 or 2 per team*

The aim of the game is to score the maximum number of points by strategically making words using the letters provided to you and placing them on the scrabble board.

Usage of certain letters gets you more points than the others, and some blocks on the board double or triple your word score.

**Pictionary**

*Number of participants: 3 per team*

One member of the team tries to convey a particular word to his teammates through art.

The teammates have to guess the word within a time limit.

Different rounds include drawing with your eyes closed, drawing two pictures in the time for one, using your left hand if you’re right-handed and vice versa.

The participant, under no circumstance is allowed to draw shapes that resemble letters or numbers of the English language or any other language for that matter.

**Inappropriate Dramatic Readings**

*Solo Event*

Again, the title says it all.

Involves reading out pieces from books or plays in ways they were not meant to be read out.

**Funspeak**

All the Funspeak events are solo, speaking events.

1. JAM- Just a minute. Participants have to talk sense continuously for a whole minute without stuttering, stammering or stopping. If they do so, they are rudely stopped by other participants who clap and state their objection, and then start talking from where the first participant left off. Multiple rounds such as Alphabet Jam, Compliment Jam, Disconnect, etc. eventually lead to a winner.
2. TROIKA BUSTER- The Participant is given a word and has to weave a story around it. At the end of a minute, a second word is given and the contestant has to now incorporate this word into the story. The last word is given after another minute and the participant has to use this word in the story and wrap it up in a sensible manner.
3. BLOCK AND TACKLE – This is given a debatable topic. When the Moderator says ‘Block’ the contestant has to speak against the topic and when the Moderator says ‘Tackle’ the contestant has to speak for the topic. Extra points awarded for smooth transitions between Blocking and Tackling.

**Twitter Poetry**

*Online Event*

Poetry of less than 140 characters is to be submitted to an online portal (which will open soon)