The Biggest Mouth in Class By Eric Muller

Purpose:

You are to figure out who has the biggest mouth in class (based on volume).

- 1. Break class into groups.
- 2. Nominate your choice for the person with the biggest mouth in your group.
- 3. Create a table of all nominees.

Name of nominee	Size of mouth in cubic centimeters (cm ³)	Size of mouth in milliliters (ml)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

- 4. You may only use the following materials to figure out the volume of your nominee's mouth (have students figure this out!):
 - 2 disposable cups
 - A graduated cylinder
 - A marker pen
 - Water

For the easiest way to do this activity, see the next page.

- 5. Rules:
 - a. You may only pour water from the cup...water from a GC can't be poured into someone's mouth.
 - b. You may not spit into a cup or the graduated Cylinder.... only the sink.
 - c. When pouring....aim for the mouth!!!!
 - d. Be careful of spills.
- 6. After you take your nominee's mouth measurement, write the data in the table above.
- 7. Who's has the biggest mouth: The biggest mouth in class belongs to = _____



The easiest way to do this activity:

- 1. Fill a disposable cup with water.
- 2. Mark the level of the water with a marker pen.
- 3. Have your nominee lean backward over a sink with a paper towel on their clothing.
- 4. Carefully pour water in the victim's (nominee's) mouth.
- 5. After pouring:



- a. Fill a Graduated Cylinder with water and note the volume of water in the GC (V_1)
- b. Use a graduated cylinder to refill the cup to the previously marked level.
- c. Note the lower level in the GC (V_2)
- d. Subtract the $V_{1-}V_2 = V_f$
- e. V_f is the volume of water in the nominee's mouth.



