

TEACHING RESEARCH ETHICS THROUGH REALITY TV

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Big Brother Season 9, Episode 8: Task summary

The housemates are set a task, and if they complete it they will be given a 'luxury budget' of £5 each for food. If they fail, they will remain on 'rations' of £1 each.

Housemates Dennis and Rachel have been selected by BB to perform the task. They must work together to pass a metal loop along the length of a coiled wire without allowing it to touch the wire. The other housemates must wear shiny suits containing muscle stimulant pads which are triggered by a remote control mechanism.

Every time the loop touches the wire, a buzzer will sound and all the other housemates will receive what was described as a mild electric shock. Each time this happens, Dennis and Rachel must start the task again.

If any housemate withdraws from the task by taking off their suit, this counts as one 'fail'. After three fails, the housemates will be deemed to have failed the task and they will not get their luxury food budget.

They have two hours in which to complete the task.