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# First Name, Last Name

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

## Overview:

One person's last name can often be another person's first name – such as Clarence Thomas and Thomas Jefferson, or Jesse James and James Cagney. Given a clue for each of two famous people, can you figure out the name they share? Note: Sometimes the name will be spelled slightly differently (Jane/Jayne, for example) but they will always be pronounced the same.

## Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first clues aloud. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may "buzz" in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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**Instructions:** Given a clue for each of two famous people, can you figure out the name they share?

1. He was a baseball icon who played for the New York Yankees from 1920 to 1934, and ... she was the second woman and first Jewish woman to serve as a Supreme Court Justice.
2. During the American Revolutionary War, his name became synonymous with treason and betrayal when he joined up to fight with the British, and ... he put a lucrative acting career on hold to become the 38<sup>th</sup> governor of California, serving from 2003 to 2011.
3. His career spans more than six decades and multiple Academy Award-winning films including *Annie Hall*, *Manhattan*, and *Hannah and Her Sisters*, and ... as Chair of the Federal Reserve under Ronald Regan, his media appearances and reports on the US economy raised his profile to a point that some observers compared him to a rock star.
4. She played Maude on the 1970s TV sitcom of the same name and Dorothy Zbornak in the 1980s show *Golden Girls*, and ... he was the creator of Sherlock Holmes.
5. He wrote a nationally syndicated humor column for the *Miami Herald* from 1983 to 2005 and was honored with a Pulitzer Prize for commentary, and ... he wrote the songs "that the whole world sings" as well as "Mandy" and "Can't Smile Without You."
6. He was nominated twice for an Academy Award but is most widely remembered for playing Eva Gabor's husband in TV's *Green Acres*, and ... he is widely acknowledged to be one of the greatest and most influential physicists of all time.
7. He was a controversial comedian and social satirist whose 1964 conviction for obscenity was overturned in 2003, 37 years after his death, and ... nearly four decades after he won Olympic gold in the decathlon, he became known as "the most famous transgender woman in the world."
8. A Motown icon, she was the lead singer of The Supremes, and ... he was a businessman who announced his candidacy for US president in 1992 on CNN's *Larry King Live* show.
9. He's the 19<sup>th</sup> century British mathematician who is best known as the author of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, and ... she is a pioneering comedian and actress who ended her 1970's television show with a tug on her ear to signal to her family that all was well.
10. The signature song of this musician (who was often referred to as "The Genius" by his contemporaries) was his 1960 recording of "George On My Mind," and ... he was a leader of the French resistance after WWII and President of France from 1959 to 1969.
11. He co-created the TV's *Seinfeld* in 1989 and later his own HBO series *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, and ... this Indiana native hosted a late-night talk show for 33 years that included features such as a nightly top ten list, stupid pet tricks, stupid human tricks, and a monkey cam.
12. He won an Academy Award for Best Actor for his role as General George Patton in the 1970's biopic *Patton*, and ... known as the "King of Ragtime," he composed iconic ragtime songs including the "Maple Leaf Rag" and "The Entertainer."

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## ANSWERS

1. Babe Ruth Bader Ginsberg
2. Benedict Arnold Schwarzenegger
3. Woody Allen (Alan) Greenspan
4. Bea Arthur Conan Doyle
5. Dave Barry Manilow
6. Eddie Albert Einstein
7. Lenny Bruce Jenner
8. Diana Ross Perot
9. Lewis Carroll (Carol) Burnett
10. Ray Charles De Gaulle
11. Larry David Letterman
12. George C. Scott Joplin