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First Name, Last Name

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/Thomas Jefferson*, or *Jesse James/James Cagney*. Given a clue for each of two famous people, can you figure out the name they share?

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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1. Dancing star of *Singin' in the Rain*; and Regis Philbin's sidekick.
2. She was a young Dutch diarist and holocaust victim; and he was an American architect and leader of the Prairie School movement.
3. Actor famous for playing US General George Patton; and the late 19th-early 20th century "King of Ragtime" who composed "The Maple Leaf Rag."
4. Garfunkel's singing partner; and the acerbic judge on *American Idol*.
5. She played Auntie Mame on Broadway and in film during the 1950s; and he is the Australian actor who starred in *Gladiator* and *A Beautiful Mind*.
6. He was the British star of *My Fair Lady*; and he is the American actor who played Indiana Jones.
7. She starred in *Sleepless in Seattle* and *You've Got Mail* in the 1990s; and he is Tatum's actor dad.
8. He played Colonel Potter on TV's *M*A*S*H*; and he drove Miss Daisy.
9. He was a civil rights activist, perennial presidential candidate, and leader of the Rainbow Coalition; and he is the abstract artist known for his technique of "dripping" paint on the canvas.
10. This African American comic actor and stand-up comedian was famously assaulted by Will Smith at the 2022 Academy Awards ceremony; and this 1950's romantic comedy heartthrob often co-starred with Doris Day.
11. He was the scientist "Doc" Emmet Brown in the *Back to the Future* movies; and he starred in the TV show *Seahunt* (1958-1961) and was father to actors Beau and Jeff.
12. The soul, blues, and gospel singer whose signature song was "Georgia On My Mind"; and the cult leader and murderous criminal who died in a California prison in 2017 after serving nearly fifty years of a life sentence.

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ANSWERS

1. Gene Kelly Ripa
2. Anne Frank Lloyd Wright
3. George C. Scott Joplin
4. Paul Simon Cowell
5. Rosalind Russell Crowe
6. Rex Harrison Ford
7. Meg Ryan O'Neal
8. Harry Morgan Freeman
9. Jesse Jackson Pollack
10. Chris Rock Hudson
11. Christopher Lloyd Bridges
12. Ray Charles Manson