

Homework 1/18/26

Follow the Rules

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

May be suitable for visually impaired players with some support from the game host.

Overview:

To solve this brainteaser, follow all of the instructions. If done correctly, the game will reveal a wise quotation from American philosopher and writer Eric Hoffer.

We've provided a work sheet on page three below that you might want to duplicate and pass out to all players. *Note: Following the rules is harder than you might think, but it's a great exercise for the brain!*

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or teams.
2. Pass out the worksheet provided below to all players or teams.
3. Read the first instruction. Give players/teams an ample amount of time to write down the answer on their worksheet.
4. Continue to read each instruction, one at a time.
5. After all instructions have been read, ask a player to read the answer aloud. To find out how many people followed the rules correctly, ask them to raise their hands.
6. No scoring on this game – just have fun!

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RULES

1. Without spaces between the letters or any punctuation, write down the phrase: **WE LIE THE LOUDEST WHEN**
2. Double the 10th and the 14th letters.
3. Reverse the position of the 14th and the 15th letters.
4. Remove the 11th letter and place it in the 7th position.
5. Remove the last “S” and place it at the end.
6. Remove the 10th letter and place it before the last H.
7. Put an “R” in the 13th position.
8. Place the letter “V” in the position that is fourth from the end.
9. Remove the 8th, 9th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 19th, and 22nd letters.

Did you get the right answer?

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1. **W E L I E T H E L O U D E S T W H E N**

2.

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8.

9.

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ANSWERS

1. W E L I E T H E L O U D E S T W H E N
2. W E L I E T H E L O O U D E S S T W H E N
3. W E L I E T H E L O O U D S E S T W H E N
4. W E L I E T O H E L O _ U D S E S T W H E N
5. W E L I E T O H E L O U D S E _ T W H E N S
6. W E L I E T O H E _ O U D S E T W L H E N S
7. W E L I E T O H E O U D R S E T W L H E N S
8. W E L I E T O H E O U D R S E T W L H V E N S
9. W E L I E T O _ _ O U _ R S E _ _ L _ V E _ S

(We lie the loudest when) WE LIE TO OURSELVES.

Philosopher and author Eric Hoffer