

Homework 9/13/26

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 thoughtful quotation from the always very wise **Dolly Parton**.

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: **I ALWAYS COUNT MY BLESSINGS**
2. Remove all S's.
3. Remove all L's and replace them with M's.
4. Copy the 8th letter and place one after the first M and one after the last M.
5. Switch the placement of the 18th and 20th letters.
6. Switch the placement of the 11th and 12th letters.
7. Copy the next-to-the-last letter and place the copy in the 5th position.
8. Remove all A's, then put one back after the T.
9. If Ronald Reagan became president before Jimmy Carter, place an R in the 2nd position. If not, place an R in the 4th position.
10. If Harry Houdini was a US vice president, place an H in the 2nd position. If not, place an H in the 12th position.
11. Remove the 7th letter, then place it at the end.
12. Remove the 1st, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 16th, 20th, and 22nd letters.

Did you get the right answer?

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1. **I A L W A Y S C O U N T M Y B L E S S I N G S**

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ANSWERS

1. I A L W A Y S C O U N T M Y B L E S S I N G S
2. I A L W A Y _ C O U N T M Y B L E _ _ I N G _
3. I A M W A Y C O U N T M Y B M E I N G
4. I A M O W A Y C O U N T M Y B M O E I N G
5. I A M O W A Y C O U N T M Y B M O N I E G
6. I A M O W A Y C O U T N M Y B M O N I E G
7. I A M O E W A Y C O U T N M Y B M O N I E G
8. I _ M O E W _ Y C O U T A N M Y B M O N I E G
9. I M O R E W Y C O U T A N M Y B M O N I E G
10. I M O R E W Y C O U T H A N M Y B M O N I E G
11. I M O R E W _ C O U T H A N M Y B M O N I E G Y _
12. _ M O R E _ _ _ T H A N M Y _ M O N _ E _ Y

(I always count my blessings) more than my money.

Dolly Parton