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Put the List in Order

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Printed copy of this document. Scissors to cut the answers into strips. Sticky tape and white board or large paper pad on an easel.

May be suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

Rearrange a list of television programs in the order of when they premiered, starting with the earliest. To get you started, here's one program with the year it premiered:

1971 Masterpiece Theatre

You will need to place each of the other program premieres either before or after that one.

Instructions:

Note: We find this game is most fun when all players participate in a non-scoring format.

1. Print the large-type list of answers for each question. Cut them into strips.
2. Using scotch tape or masking tape, put up the answers in random order in a column, with each answer below another.
3. Read the list aloud.
4. Tell your players to identify what they think is the earliest program to premiere, and then work through the years from there, one program at a time.
5. As the players shout out how the answers should be ordered, rearrange the strips of paper according to their instructions.
6. When they reach a final order, check it against the answers. You can choose to tell them: 1) how many answers are in the incorrect position; or 2) which specific answers are in the incorrect position (which may be a bit easier for them).
7. Have them try again to put the answers in the correct order.
8. Again, tell them either how many answers are incorrect, or which specific answers are incorrect.
9. Continue instructions 7. and 8. until they succeed in putting all answers in the right order.

60 MINUTES

BONANZA

CHEERS

M*A*S*H

(1971) MASTERPIECE THEATRE

MEET THE PRESS

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

THE FRENCH CHEF (JULIA CHILD)

THE TONIGHT SHOW

THIS OLD HOUSE

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ANSWERS

- 1947 MEET THE PRESS
- 1954 THE TONIGHT SHOW
- 1959 BONANZA
- 1963 THE FRENCH CHEF (WITH JULIA CHILD)
- 1968 60 MINUTES
- 1971 MASTERPIECE THEATRE**
- 1972 M*A*S*H
- 1975 SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE
- 1979 THIS OLD HOUSE
- 1982 CHEERS