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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:

Everyone knows that it isn't polite to ask a woman her age ... but we're breaking that rule for this game. Rearrange our list of famous women in the order of when they were born, starting with the earliest date. To get you started, here's one famous woman with the year she was born:

1949 Meryl Streep (76)

You will need to place each of the other women 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 which woman they think has the earliest birth date, and then work through the list from there, one famous woman 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.

Michelle Obama

Dolly Parton

Madonna

Nancy Pelosi

Julia Roberts

Meryl Streep

Oprah Winfrey

Melania Trump

Jane Fonda

Oprah Winfrey

Ellen DeGeneres

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ANSWERS

1937 Jane Fonda (88)

1940 Nancy Pelosi (86)

1946 Dolly Parton (80)

1947 Hillary Clinton (78)

1949 Meryl Streep (76)

1954 Oprah Winfrey (72)

1958 Ellen DeGeneres (68)

1958 Madonna (67)

1964 Michelle Obama (62)

1967 Julia Roberts (58)

1970 Melania Trump (55)