

Can You Follow Directions?



Teachers Information:

This activity will exercise your student's skills in the area of following directions. The main focus of this practice is to better the students' understanding of written directions and the importance of being able to follow that specific type of instruction.

Give each student a copy of the activity and a blank sheet lined paper. They will use this paper to write out **each** step of the activity. The instructions are tricky and must be followed exactly.

Make sure to try it out before you pass it out!



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Activity:

If you do this correctly, you will change the name of an American President into the name of a former country in Europe.



- 1) Write the name George Washington.
- 2) Take out all the E's.
- 3) Counting the remaining letters, add L after each seventh letter.
- 4) Move the second G to the beginning and put the last letter in its place.
- 5) Wherever three consonants appear together, change them in order so that the first consonant in the group becomes the last, the second one becomes the first, and the third becomes the second.
- 6) Take out the last two vowels.
- 7) Wherever a double consonant appears, take out both letters.
- 8) Beginning with the third letter from the left, interchange each two letters until you get to the end.
- 9) Take out the last two letters.
- 10) Move the last letter so that it will be the first.
- 11) Add a D after each fourth letter, and at the beginning.
- 12) Replace every S with an N.
- 13) Take out the three middle letters.
- 14) Drop the first letter.

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ANSWER KEY

1. GEORGEWASHINGTON
2. GORGWASHINGTON
3. GORGWASLHINGTONL
4. GGORLWASLHINGTON
5. GGOLWRALHSIGTNON
6. GGOLWRALHSGTNN
7. OLWRALHSGT
8. OLRWLASHTG
9. OLRWLASH
10. HOLRWLAS
11. DHOLRDWLASD
12. DHOLRDWLAND
13. DHOLLAND
14. **HOLLAND**