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Party games for 8 to 100 guests

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“Who Am I?”

Host Guide

For play versions

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Host's guide

It is easy to prepare and run a mystery party. We recommend that as host you should also take a role and participate along with everyone else.

Preparing for the party

- 1 Open the kit. The name of the kit shows the recommended minimum number of guests and the maximum number of guests for which this kit caters.
- 2 Decide when you will be having the party, where it will be held and which eight people will represent the famous people and read their lines. Randomly give each of the eight people a number from 1 up to and including 8. So Person 1 would read the lines for the first famous person and so on.
- 3 We recommend that you tell your guests to: "No costumes are required."
- 4 Decide how you want to do the invitations. You can print out the Word or Adobe Acrobat versions and handwrite the details, or you can type in your party details before you print it out. There are versions with four invitations per page or one invitation per page. You can print them in color or black and white or you may like to print them on colored paper.
- 5 The invitations refer your guests to read a web page to find out more details about the game.
- 6 You may like to have a copy of the overview pages available at the party in case some guests didn't get time to read them before the party.

- 7 Print out the play. Cut each page in two using a guillotine/paper trimmer or scissors. Don't read the lines beforehand as it will spoil your enjoyment of the party, and you may spoil everyone else's enjoyment by letting on that you know everything! Staple the pages together into a booklet for each act. You can give everyone a copy or just have one copy that you pass around. If you like, you can just hand around each Act as it is needed if you want to stop people reading ahead. You should give everyone a blank piece of paper and a pen so they can make some notes about each famous person.
- 8 Print as many copies of "The Heart page" to match your number of guests.
- 9 The "Who Am I?" pages are at the end with a warning beforehand not to read the next section. Fold these unread, put them in an envelope and open it at the end of the party to find out the answers.
- 10 Print a name tag for each guest. You can print them in color or black and white or you may like to print them on thicker or colored paper. Cut these up and have some small safety pins handy.
- 11 Prepare or arrange for food for the event (see *Menu suggestions*).
- 12 Decide whether you are going to have prizes for the party (see *Preparing prizes*). This is optional, but recommended.

Menu suggestions

You can really serve any type of food you would like.

Or search for International recipes on the Internet (eg search for "International recipes" on www.google.com) and serve a variety of foods from around the world.

If you are having mainly children as your guests, you may like to serve food that they like such as pizza.

Preparing prizes

You may like to have some prizes available to give to:

- the people who guess the most famous people
- the person who reads their lines with the most emotion.

If you do have prizes, you should let people know they exist just after you read out “*The Rules*”.

Running the party

We suggest that you run the party as follows:

- 1 Give each guest their name tag and a small safety pin to attach it with. Give them their Heart page and ask them to fill out the details of what they like (e.g. examples of their favorite music, sport, book, movie and animal). Get them to also pin it to their shirt.
- 2 When everyone has arrived, read *The Rules* to everyone.
- 3 Have everyone introduce themselves to the group by saying their name and the number of the famous person they are going to be representing or if they are going to be an investigator.
- 4 Check that everyone has read the “*The Overview*” pages and created their heart page. If they haven't give them a copy of a blank heart page and have them fill it in and pin it to the front of their shirt.
- 5 Serve the First Course of your meal or have dips available. Generally we don't recommend you continue with the play while people are eating unless you are pressed for time.
- 6 Start Act One of the play. Pass the play booklet around to each person mentioned. If it says “Investigator” can say the line, give it to someone playing one of the investigator roles or if you don't have any people playing these roles, give it to anyone to say. Make sure everyone reads out all their lines and that everyone participates.
- 7 Serve the Second Course of your meal (if applicable).
- 8 Do Act Two. Serve Dessert (if applicable).

- 9 Do Act Three.
- 10 Serve hot drinks and after dinner mints (if applicable).
- 11 Ask each person to think about who are the eight famous people. Ask them to write down their final choices (eg Person 1 = ??? etc). When they are ready, go around the group and ask everyone who they think each famous person was.
- 12 After everyone has had a guess, take the *Who Am I?* pages out of their sealed envelope and read as specified.
- 13 Present the prizes (if you are providing these). If more than one person guesses as many famous people, if you can't divide the prize give it to the person who knows the most about each of the famous people. You may like to also give a prize for the person who read their lines with the most emotion.

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The Rules

These are to be read out by the host to the whole group at the beginning of the party:

Welcome to “Who Am I?”

There are two aspects to this game. One aspect is for you to work out who the eight famous people are. These people are no longer alive.

Sometimes a man may end up saying something that a famous woman said and vice versa.

The same person will say the lines and quotes from the same famous person each time.

If you are saying something that is a quote, please use your hands to represent quote marks at the beginning and the end of the quote.

The second aspect of the game is to get to know everyone who is at this party a little better. Please see the **Heart** page and fill it out with some details about what you love.

There are also some questions during the play that you should answer as you “yourself”. Hopefully these will help you to get to know yourself a little better and to help everyone here to also get to know you better.

Please go into this with a spirit of openness. Don’t have any expectations as to what may or may not evolve. Just enjoy the process of getting to know yourself and everyone else a bit better.

Anything that is shared should be kept confidential and not shared outside of this room unless you have permission to do so.

You may want to jot down some notes about each famous person on your blank page.

There is no need to hurry through this. Read with emotion. This is your chance to be dramatic!

Optional: There is a prize for the person who works out the most famous people. There is also a prize for the person who reads their lines with the most emotion.