

## Memorable Baby Names

*Here's a fun game for your next baby shower!*

**Time required to play:** Flexible, 10-15 minutes is good

**Object:** To remember a long list of first names



1. To play, select one guest to go first. She calls out the first name of one of her children, or a name she would like to give to a child.
2. The guest sitting on her left repeats that name, plus she adds another name that begins with the last letter of the previous name.
3. The third guest repeats the first two names, in order, and adds a third name that begins with the last letter of the previous name. For example, guests could create this string of names: BETSY - YVONNE - ESTHER - RUTH - HELENA - ANN and so on.
4. If someone uses a name that can be spelled more than one way, that guest should spell it the way she prefers it.
5. A first name may not be used more than once in the game.
6. The **winner of the game** is the last person to correctly list all the names in order AND call out one more name to be added to the string. In the event the game continues for a long period of time, you may just want to end it. Then you could award a prize to the person who added the most unusual name to the list.

As you can guess, the longer the game goes, the more difficult it is to remember all the names. The other trick is to keep thinking of new first names for letters that are frequently used at the end of names, such as Y and E.

