

How Well Do You Follow Directions?

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If you follow all the directions below carefully, you will change the phrase "SUSPENSEFUL ENDING" into a word that signifies just that! Be sure to work carefully, step by step, for this puzzle is tricky! We have provided space for solving, and have started you off by printing S U S P E N S E F U L E N D I N G. Super direction-followers should be able to solve this puzzle on the first try!

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| 1. Print the phrase SUSPENSEFUL ENDING without a space between the words. | 1. <u>S U S P E N S E F U L E N D I N G</u> |
| 2. Remove the fourth consonant from the right and replace it with an A. | 2. _____ |
| 3. Move the third vowel from the left to the fifth position from the left. | 3. _____ |
| 4. Move the fourth vowel from the right to the second position from the left. | 4. _____ |
| 5. Exchange positions of the first and third consonants from the left. | 5. _____ |
| 6. Remove the first consonant at the left and replace it with a C. | 6. _____ |
| 7. Wherever two identical consonants appear side by side, remove both letters. | 7. _____ |
| 8. Move the fourth consonant from the right to the fourth position from the left. | 8. _____ |
| 9. Remove the third consonant from the left and replace it with an F. | 9. _____ |
| 10. Insert an H in the seventh position from the right. | 10. _____ |
| 11. Move the first vowel from the right to the right of the second consonant from the left. | 11. _____ |
| 12. Insert an R in the first position at the far right. | 12. _____ |
| 13. Remove the fourth consonant from the left and the fourth consonant from the right. | 13. _____ |
| 14. Move the second vowel from the right to the second position from the right. | 14. _____ |
| 15. Wherever two identical vowels appear side by side, remove both letters. | 15. _____ |

WHAT'S THE SUSPENSEFUL ENDING?