

US Presidential Firsts

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The list on the left contains the names of US presidents who were the first to do, have, or be something in the list on the right. Match up the following US presidents with their “firsts,” which will complete the blanks in the following sentence:



President _____ was the first US president to _____.

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| 1. Dwight D. Eisenhower | A. resign from the presidency |
| 2. George H. W. Bush | B. have been married for more than 70 years |
| 3. Woodrow Wilson | C. send an email |
| 4. Donald Trump | D. appear on television |
| 5. Herbert Hoover | E. throw out a ceremonial first pitch |
| 6. Bill Clinton | F. have reached age 70 before taking office |
| 7. Theodore Roosevelt | G. be inaugurated on an airplane |
| 8. Jimmy Carter | H. have been a five-star general |
| 9. Lyndon B. Johnson | I. have a grandson who would also become a US president |
| 10. Barack Obama | J. have been born in a hospital |
| 11. William Howard Taft | K. ride in an airplane |
| 12. Ronald Reagan | L. have been a professional actor |
| 13. Richard Nixon | M. have earned a PhD |
| 14. William Henry Harrison | N. appoint a former first lady to his cabinet |
| 15. Warren G. Harding | O. appear on a radio broadcast |
| 16. Franklin D. Roosevelt | P. have a telephone on his desk |

(Answers can be found in the *Solutions* section at the back of this issue.) 

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1. H: Dwight D. Eisenhower was the first US president to have been a five-star general.
2. B: George H. W. Bush was the first US president to have been married for more than 70 years.
3. M: Woodrow Wilson was the first US president to have earned a PhD.
4. F: Donald Trump was the first US president to have reached age 70 before taking office.
5. P: Herbert Hoover was the first US president to have a telephone on his desk.
6. C: Bill Clinton was the first US president to send an email.
7. K: Theodore Roosevelt was the first US president to ride in an airplane.
8. J: Jimmy Carter was the first US president to have been born in a hospital.
9. G: Lyndon B. Johnson was the first US president to be inaugurated on an airplane.
10. N: Barack Obama was the first US president to appoint a former first lady to his cabinet.
11. E: William Howard Taft was the first US president to throw out a ceremonial first pitch.
12. L: Ronald Reagan was the first US president to have been a professional actor.
13. A: Richard Nixon was the first US president to resign from the presidency.
14. I: William Henry Harrison was the first US president to have a grandson who would also become a US president.
15. O: Warren G. Harding was the first US president to appear on a radio broadcast.
16. D: Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first US president to appear on television. Ω