

Put the Law in Order — Answers

Name: _____ Date: _____

EASY — card order

Reading left to right, then top to bottom, write:

4 · 1 · 6 · 2 · 5 · 3

1. An idea
2. A bill is written
3. First House debates and votes
4. Second House debates and votes
5. Both Houses agree to the same bill
6. Royal Assent makes it an Act

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STANDARD — card order

Reading left to right, then top to bottom, write:

6 · 2 · 8 · 4 · 1 · 7 · 3 · 5

1. An idea
2. A bill is written
3. Parliament considers the bill
4. House of Representatives
5. Senate
6. Both Houses agree
7. Royal Assent
8. It becomes an Act — a law

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CHALLENGE — card order

Reading left to right, then top to bottom, write:

7 · 3 · 5 · 1 · 8 · 2 · 6 · 4

1. Bill introduced in first House
2. First House debate
3. First House vote
4. Second House considers and proposes amendments
5. First House considers and accepts amendments
6. Both Houses agree to same text
7. Royal Assent
8. Act of Parliament

This is the stated successful amendment example, not a claim that amendments happen on every bill.

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