

Card #1

Who Am I?

★ I struggled in school and was told I was lazy.

★ Reading and memorizing information were difficult for me.

★ I went on to create stories loved by millions around the world — including a shark that terrified a generation and a boy wizard's archenemies.

ANSWER

Steven Spielberg

Film Director

Card #2

Who Am I?

★ I performed so poorly in school that my headmaster predicted I would either end up in prison or become a millionaire.

★ I left school at age 16 with no qualifications whatsoever.

★ I turned a student magazine started in a church basement into a global empire of more than 400 companies — all under one name.

ANSWER

Richard Branson

Entrepreneur / Virgin Group

Card #3

Who Am I?

★ My teachers called me slow and assumed I wasn't capable of learning.

★ I struggled to read throughout my childhood, but discovered a love for performing on stage.

★ I became one of the only people in entertainment history to win an Oscar, Emmy, Grammy, AND Tony Award — known as the EGOT.

ANSWER

Whoopi Goldberg

Actress & Comedian

Card #4

Who Am I?

★ I attended over a dozen different schools as a child, never quite fitting in anywhere.

★ Reading was so difficult I was officially labeled 'learning disabled.'

★ I became one of the highest-paid actors in Hollywood — and I insist on doing my own stunts.

ANSWER

Tom Cruise

Actor

Who Am I?

★ My parents were so frustrated by my grades that they called me 'dumb dog' — in German.

★ I barely graduated high school and struggled through college with the same challenges.

★ I became famous playing the coolest kid at school on a beloved TV show — then spent years writing a book series about a boy with learning differences, just like me.

ANSWER

Henry Winkler

Actor & Children's Author (Happy Days / Hank Zipzer series)

Card #6

Who Am I?

★ Reading felt almost impossible; school was a daily source of humiliation.

★ I dropped out at 16 and was told I had no future.

★ I went on to win an Academy Award, a Grammy, and a Golden Globe — and I've had #1 hits across six different decades.

ANSWER

Cher

Singer & Actress

Card #7

Who Am I?

★ At age 6, I begged my parents to get me tested — I knew something was different about the way I learned.

★ My parents made a deal with me: work hard on your reading, and you can take acting lessons.

★ Before my 18th birthday, I was already a global film star — and I've never stopped working since.

ANSWER

Keira Knightley

Actress

Card #8

Who Am I?

★ Teachers told me I would never amount to anything — academically or otherwise.

★ I felt like an outsider and a failure throughout my school years.

★ I started a small clothing store with \$150 and a dream. Now my name is literally sewn into clothes worn by millions of people worldwide.

ANSWER

Tommy Hilfiger

Fashion Designer

Card #9

Who Am I?

★ I couldn't read fluently until I was in my 20s; school felt like a place I was set up to fail.

★ I spent most of my early life convinced I simply wasn't as smart as everyone else.

★ I revolutionized the way everyday Americans invest their money, and founded a financial company that today manages trillions of dollars.

ANSWER

Charles Schwab

Financier & Entrepreneur

Who Am I?

- ★ Teachers told me I was too dumb to learn and wrote me off as a behavior problem.
- ★ I graduated high school with a D average — but I knew I could make people laugh.
- ★ I went on to host one of the most-watched late-night TV shows in America for over 22 years. In my spare time, I collect cars — hundreds of them.

ANSWER

Jay Leno

Comedian & TV Host

Card #11

Who Am I?

★ I was diagnosed with serious learning difficulties as a young child.

★ My mother gently told me that college probably wasn't in my future.

★ I became one of Hollywood's biggest stars — beloved by fans around the world as both a pointy-eared elf and a swashbuckling pirate.

ANSWER

Orlando Bloom

Actor

Who Am I?

★ Reading was so difficult for me that the traditional classroom felt almost impossible to navigate.

★ I was homeschooled partly because the standard school system wasn't built for my brain.

★ I won the Heisman Trophy — the most prestigious award in college football — and became known as much for my faith and humanitarian work as for my athletic ability.

ANSWER

Tim Tebow

Athlete (Football)

Card #13

Who Am I?

- ★ I was fired from an early newspaper job because my editor said I 'lacked imagination and had no good ideas.'
- ★ I went bankrupt more than once and was told repeatedly to give up.
- ★ I built one of the world's most beloved entertainment empires — and a certain mouse made me immortal.

ANSWER

Walt Disney

Entertainment Entrepreneur & Founder of Disney

Who Am I?

- ★ Reading was a struggle throughout my school years, but I found something I could do better than almost anyone.
- ★ I played professional baseball for 27 seasons — longer than almost any pitcher in history.
- ★ I hold two records that may never be broken: the most career strikeouts (5,714) and the most no-hitters (7) in Major League Baseball history.

ANSWER

Nolan Ryan

Baseball Hall of Famer

Who Am I?

★ I was so embarrassed by my reading struggles that I dreaded being called on in class for most of my childhood.

★ Teachers gave up on me — and I nearly gave up on myself.

★ I went on to lead one of the most important technology companies of the internet era for 20 years, growing it from \$70 million to \$47 billion in annual revenue.

ANSWER

John Chambers

CEO, Cisco Systems

Who Am I?

★ I struggled in school and was written off early as someone who wouldn't amount to much.

★ I started small — selling matches to neighbors as a child to earn a little pocket money.

★ My company became one of the largest furniture retailers in the world. Its name was formed from my own initials and the farm and village where I grew up.

ANSWER

Ingvar Kamprad

Founder of IKEA

Who Am I?

★ I didn't learn to read properly until I was in my late teens — school had been a daily humiliation.

★ For years I genuinely believed I was simply not intelligent.

★ I went on to become a three-time World Champion in one of the fastest, most technically demanding sports in the world — and later became a passionate advocate whose safety reforms saved countless lives.

ANSWER

Jackie Stewart

Three-Time Formula 1 World Champion

Who Am I?

★ I was one of the worst students at my school — my housemaster called me 'a constant trouble to everybody.'

★ I failed the entrance exam to military college twice and barely passed on my third attempt.

★ I became Prime Minister of Great Britain, led the Allied nations to victory in World War II, and won the Nobel Prize — in Literature.

ANSWER

Winston Churchill

British Prime Minister & Nobel Laureate