GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY PARTY PACK

50 Years of Games & Decor

A printable celebration kit for a 50th wedding anniversary

WHAT'S INSIDE

1. Then-vs-Now Trivia — 10 questions about the wedding year (1976) versus today, plus a full answer key.

2. Marriage-Advice Cards — guest fill-in cards, printed 4-up with cut guides. Collect them in a keepsake box or album.

3. Photo Timeline Banner — year markers and frame instructions for a banner spanning 1976 to today.

4. Two Decor Signs — '50 Years of Love' and 'Est. 1976', ready to frame or stand on an easel.

HOW TO PRINT • Print on US Letter paper or light cardstock at 100% scale ('Actual size'). Cream or ivory cardstock suits the gold design best. Print the advice-card page as many times as you have guests. Trim card and banner pages along the light cut guides with scissors or a paper trimmer.

YEAR ASSUMPTION • This sample is written for a couple married in 1976, celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2026. If the couple married in a different year, the trivia and the 'Est.' sign year should be adjusted before the party.

THEN vs. NOW TRIVIA

The wedding year was 1976 • How much do you remember?

Name: _____ Score: _____ / 10

1. In 1976, America celebrated a very big birthday. How old was the USA?
A. 100 years B. 200 years C. 150 years

2. About how much did a gallon of regular gasoline cost in 1976?
A. About $0.59 B. About $1.59 C. About $2.59

3. Who was President of the United States for most of 1976?
A. Jimmy Carter B. Richard Nixon C. Gerald Ford

4. How much was a first-class postage stamp in 1976?
A. 5 cents B. 13 cents C. 25 cents

5. Which film, released in 1976, told the story of a Philadelphia boxer?
A. Rocky B. Jaws C. Star Wars

6. Where were the Summer Olympic Games held in 1976?
A. Los Angeles B. Montreal C. Munich

7. What was the federal minimum wage in 1976?
A. $1.25 an hour B. $3.35 an hour C. $2.30 an hour

8. Which new company was founded in California in April 1976?
A. Microsoft B. Apple Computer C. Google

9. About how much did a typical new car cost in 1976?
A. About $5,400 B. About $12,000 C. About $22,000

10. Which team won Super Bowl X, played in January 1976?
A. Dallas Cowboys B. Miami Dolphins C. Pittsburgh Steelers

Today's comparison figures are on the answer key — no peeking until everyone is done!

ANSWER KEY

Then (1976) vs. Now — read aloud and let the stories start

1. B — 200 years. The Bicentennial was July 4, 1976.

2. A — About $0.59 a gallon in 1976. In the mid-2020s a gallon has averaged roughly $3 or more.

3. C — Gerald Ford. Jimmy Carter was elected in November 1976 and took office in January 1977.

4. B — 13 cents in 1976. A first-class stamp rose to 78 cents in July 2025.

5. A — Rocky (1976), which went on to win the Academy Award for Best Picture.

6. B — Montreal, Canada, host of the 1976 Summer Olympics.

7. C — $2.30 an hour in 1976. The federal minimum wage has been $7.25 an hour since 2009.

8. B — Apple Computer, founded April 1, 1976. (Microsoft was founded a year earlier, in 1975.)

9. A — About $5,400 on average for a new car in 1976. New-car average prices in the mid-2020s are roughly nine times that.

10. C — Pittsburgh Steelers, who beat the Dallas Cowboys 21–17 in Super Bowl X.

SCORING FUN: 9–10 = Golden Memory • 6–8 = Silver Memory • 3–5 = Bronze Memory • 0–2 = You were probably not born yet — ask the couple to tell you a story instead.

Note: 1976 prices are national averages, rounded — see pack notes for sources and caveats.

Advice for the Next 50 Years

The secret to 50 years is…

From: _____

Advice for the Next 50 Years

Never go to bed…

From: _____

Advice for the Next 50 Years

Always remember to…

From: _____

Advice for the Next 50 Years

When times get hard, …

From: _____

PHOTO TIMELINE BANNER

Fifty years, one beautiful story

YOU WILL NEED: printed copies of this page (one per decade), gold ribbon or twine, mini clothespins or tape, and one favourite photo for each marker year.

HOW TO BUILD IT: 1) Print and cut out the year markers below. 2) Mount each marker above a photo from (or near) that year — wedding, first home, children, holidays, travels, today. 3) String the gold ribbon across a wall or mantel. 4) Clip the photos in order, leaving a blank frame at the end labelled 'The Next Chapter' for a photo taken at the party.

1976 — The Wedding

tape photo here
(blank frame)

1980s

tape photo here
(blank frame)

1990s

tape photo here
(blank frame)

2000s

tape photo here
(blank frame)

2010s

tape photo here
(blank frame)

Today — 50 Years

tape photo here
(blank frame)

Tip: ask family members to write the memory behind each photo on the back before hanging it.

50 Years of Love

Half a century. A whole lifetime of choosing each other.

TABLE SIGN • Print on Letter cardstock, frame or stand on an easel

Est. 1976

FIFTY GOLDEN YEARS

Year shown follows the sample's 1976 wedding-year assumption — adjust if needed.

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