

Walkthrough for Harry Potter Ages Logic Puzzle

B1 is Charlie

We are told that A1 has to be older than Charlie so:

A1 is Bill

We are told that ages in the rows decrease to the left, and in the columns decrease going down so C5 has to be the youngest person:

C5 is Lily

A1	Bill	A2		A3		A4		A5	
B1	Charlie	B2		B3		B4		B5	
C1		C2		C3		C4		C5	Lily

Rose is the next youngest and could be in C4 or B5 but we are told that the middle row alternates male / female, so B5 is male, so:

C4 is Rose

The next youngest is Teddy, who must be in C3 or B5 – we are told that the bottom row is female so:

B5 is Teddy

At this point it is useful to notice that there are only 7 females and we are told there are 5 in the bottom row and 2 in the middle row so we know where all the males are (grey squares):

A1	Bill	A2		A3		A4		A5	
B1	Charlie	B2		B3		B4		B5	Teddy
C1		C2		C3		C4	Rose	C5	Lily

Percy is now the oldest unplaced person, so must go in C1 or A2. Since the bottom row is all female:

A2 is Percy

Now Fred and George (the twins) Ron and Harry must go in A3, A4, A5, B3 in some order but A3 has 2 squares to the right of it (younger than it), so neither Ron nor Harry can go there so:

A3 must be a twin (F or G)

A1	Bill	A2	Percy	A3	F or G	A4		A5	
B1	Charlie	B2		B3		B4		B5	Teddy
C1		C2		C3		C4	Rose	C5	Lily

The other twin is in B3 or A4. We are told he has 3 siblings adjacent. If the other twin is in B3 then Ron will be in A4 and the twin in B3 will be adjacent to Percy, his twin, Ron and Ginny (who must be in C2, C3 or B4) – which makes 4 siblings. So

A4 must be a twin (F or G)

In A4 he will be adjacent only to his twin and Ron so he must also be adjacent to Ginny so:

B4 is Ginny

A1	Bill	A2	Percy	A3	F or G	A4	F or G	A5	
B1	Charlie	B2		B3		B4	Ginny	B5	Teddy
C1		C2		C3		C4	Rose	C5	Lily

We are told that the twin on A3 also is adjacent to 3 siblings. He is already adjacent to Percy, his twin and Ginny so B3 cannot be Ron so:

B3 is Harry

and

A5 is Ron

A1	Bill	A2	Percy	A3	F or G	A4	F or G	A5	Ron
B1	Charlie	B2		B3	Harry	B4	Ginny	B5	Teddy
C1		C2		C3		C4	Rose	C5	Lily

Now the youngest unplaced person is Gabrielle so:

C3 is Gabrielle

And after her Luna is the youngest so:

C2 is Luna

A1	Bill	A2	Percy	A3	F or G	A4	F or G	A5	Ron
B1	Charlie	B2		B3	Harry	B4	Ginny	B5	Teddy
C1		C2	Luna	C3	Gabrielle	C4	Rose	C5	Lily

Finally we are told that the sisters (Fleur and Gabrielle) are adjacent so:

B2 is Fleur

C1 is Hermione

A1	Bill	A2	Percy	A3	F or G	A4	F or G	A5	Ron
B1	Charlie	B2	Fleur	B3	Harry	B4	Ginny	B5	Teddy
C1	Hermione	C2	Luna	C3	Gabrielle	C4	Rose	C5	Lily

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