

# 6 Ways to Build Language Skills with Silly Sentences

Grammar can seem like an intimidating subject, but not when you explore it with Silly Sentences! Using the 124 color-coded puzzle pieces, kids learn how to construct sentences, discover the functions of different words, and have a blast at the same time!



Here are six different ways to use Silly Sentences to build your child's spelling skills and expand working vocabulary.

1. **Practice sentence construction.** This game provides a physical way to construct sentences that hands-on learners are going to love. Because the cards only connect in very specific combinations, kids quickly learn how the different words work together to form sentences.
2. **Learn grammatical functions.** The color-coded cards are perfect for helping kids become familiar with the grammatical functions of the words in a sentence. As you play, use the grammatical terms (articles, adjectives, nouns, verbs, and prepositions) as often as possible to help kids learn these terms.
3. **Reinforce the basic rules for creating a sentence.** You can't start a sentence without a capital letter, and you can't finish one without punctuation!
4. **Build vocabulary.** Forty of the 124 cards are noun cards and every noun card has a picture to illustrate the word. Even if your child is unfamiliar with the noun, the picture on the card will help him learn the word.
5. **Add some extra silliness.** Instead of placing the noun cards face up on the table, keep them hidden so each noun is a surprise when chosen.
6. **Have a contest!** Have each player choose two cards from the noun pile. Now see who can play the silliest sentence using just the cards in his or her pile.

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