

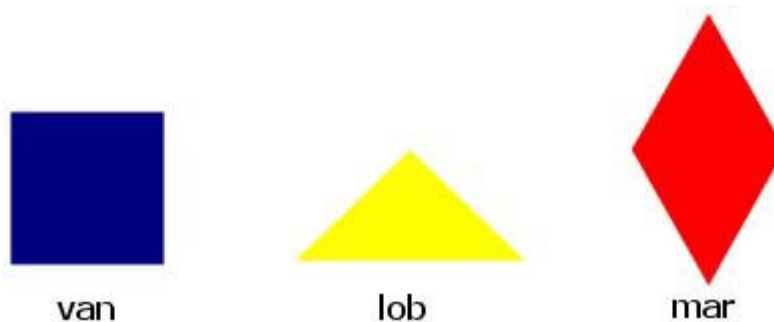
Word Blocks

This is really another activity that uses codes. This time a block is a code for part of a long word, or a button is a code for one letter in a long word.

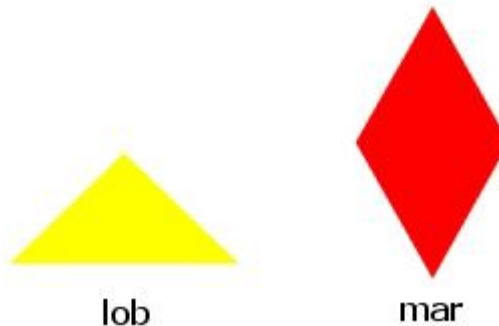
You have to listen to a nonsense word and to change the syllables or sounds in the word. Each syllable is represented by a different block so you can **see** how the sounds are changed. You will need the same three blocks you have used for the other block activities.

Step 1. Delete a Syllable

Your helper places the three blocks, (square, triangle, diamond), in a row in front of you. They will explain to you that each block has a sound e.g. the square is **van**, the triangle is **lob** and the diamond is **mar**.



Now they will ask you to tell them the name of each block as they point to it. Then you tell them the nonsense word when the three sounds are put together, i.e. **vanlobmar**.

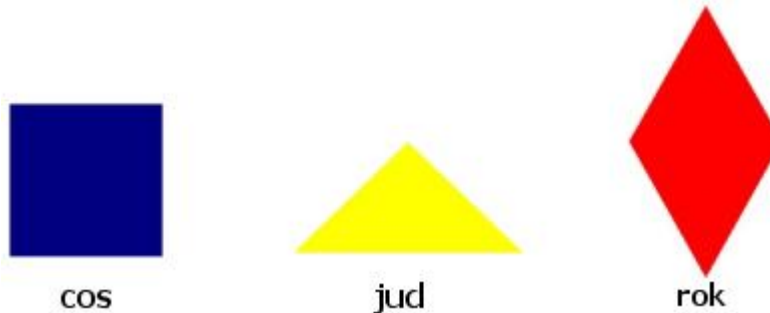


Now your helper **removes one of the blocks**, e.g. the square is removed, and you say what the word is now. You would answer **lobmar**.

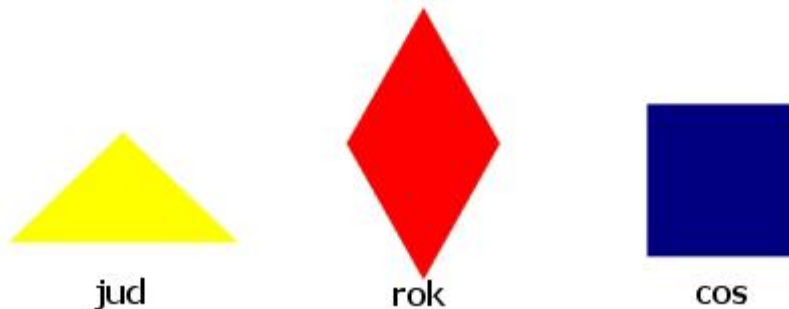
Now the triangle is removed (but the square & diamond are moved next to each other). Again you say the new word. The word is now **vanmar**. Put the triangle back then remove the diamond. Now the word is **vanlob**.

Try this same game with several other combinations of nonsense syllables.

Step 2. Change order of syllables



Again the three blocks are placed in a row (square, triangle, diamond) and each block is given a sound e.g. the square is **coz**, the triangle is **jud** and the diamond is **rok**. The word is now **cozjudrok**.

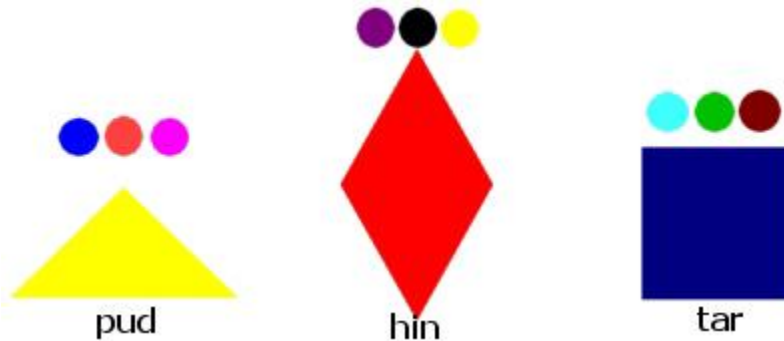


Now your helper re-arranges the blocks e.g. Moves the square so it is now last instead of first, then asks you to tell them the new word. You would now say **judrokcoz**.

The blocks are re-arranged in other ways e.g. Move the triangle out of the middle and put it first or last. Again you are asked to say the new word made by changing the position of the blocks.

Step 3. Change sounds in syllables

Now each sound is labelled within each syllable using different coloured pins or different coloured dots made with colouring pencils. Place the different colours at the top of each block in their correct position.



In the above example the 'p' sound is represented by the blue dot, the 'u' sound by the red dot, the 'd' sound by the pink dot, the 'h' sound by the purple dot... etc...

Your helper will explain to you that each colour represents a letter in the nonsense word.

Take away a sound

Your helper takes away one of the coloured dots e.g. the blue dot, and asks you to tell them the new word. As the blue dot represents the 'p' sound, when this sound is removed the word is now **pudhintar**.

Put the blue dot back and try saying the word when a different coloured dot is removed, i.e. removing a different sound from the word. Again say the new word.

Try this with several other nonsense words made up of three syllables.

Change position of sounds

Your helper changes the position of two of the coloured dots e.g. Swap the position of the purple dot with the blue dot. Now the purple dot (which represents the 'h' sound) is first (over the triangle) and the blue dot (which represents the 'p' sound) is fourth (over the diamond).

Now you are asked to say the new word. Your answer would be **hudpintar** because the 'h' and the 'p' have **swapped places**.

Try swapping the position of other letters by swapping the position of their representative coloured dots and saying the new word.

Now try this with other nonsense words. You can also try shifting four letters at one time to make a new word.

Below are some suggested nonsense syllables to combine to make nonsense words.

**Bav, gip, kig, pon, steb, vant, bap, jpg, kip, par, stak, blaz, grock, kad,
per, skib, velk, blon, grib, kom
pom, sted, blit, kom, pom, velk, varg, blad, glup, klis, pag, sont, vust,
brif, grof, krem, paz
simp, biz, gud, krat, pax, wor, werbud, gil, kif, ped, selp, wax, wak,
clop, gend, pel, tafclut, gon, kin
pol, teb, cav, gud, krug, pav, tex, wab, coz, lim, pug, taz, wek, cret, hib,
lat, pud, ter, wek, crig, hin
lax, laz, puz, tor, wim, chif, lat, plim, wif, dod, leb, prok, temp, dav,
hap, lep, plig, wed, daz, hux, lop
prag, denk, min, mog, mer, mel, munt, mest, fim, jip, rud, tix, yax, yig,
zon, zar, zik, zip, nad**