

# Finding Letters

This activity is like letter charts that you did in part 7. It helps you with your attention and concentration as you read letters from different places in rows of nonsense words. You also have to count how many of a particular letter you see in a passage of nonsense words.

## **Step 1. Read every second letter with the beat**

1. Click on '**Run activity**' at the top of this screen
2. Click on '**New Chart**' at the bottom right of the screen

A page of nonsense words will be presented on the screen and you will hear the beat. You have to read every second letter on each line, in time to the beat, beginning at the top and progressing down the chart.

When you have finished the whole chart, click on '**New chart**' and continue.

**Your goal is to read every second letter on each row, in time to the beat, without losing your place.**

Increase the speed you have to read the letters by setting the beat at 0.50 seconds. (Click on 'Beat' and click on 0.50 seconds)

Now read every second letter on each line in time to the faster beat.

## **Step 2. Find the letters**

1. Click on '**Activity**' at the top of the screen and click on '**Finding letters**'
2. Click on '**New chart**' in the bottom right corner of the screen

Now there will be a question on the screen. '**How many times can you find the letter**'. Click on '**Start**' at the bottom right corner of the screen. Now there will be a passage of nonsense words on the screen and the timer at the bottom left of the screen starts. You have to scan along each line starting at the top and count the number of times you see the particular letter you were asked to find. For example if you had to find the number of 'c's in the passage, you would look carefully along each line from left to right, top to bottom and count the number of c's in the passage.

As soon as you have finished counting the particular letter, click on '**Stop**' and write down, or tell your helper, how many you saw. The timer also stops when you click on 'Stop'. Now click on '**Answer**' to show the number of times the required letter was actually in the passage. Write down how long it took you to count the letters, as shown on the timer. When you first start you will find your times are rather slow, often more than 30 seconds. As you practice your times will decrease.

Click on '**New chart**' for another passage of words and a new letter to count.

**Your goal is find the correct number of the particular letter in the passage in a time of 15 seconds or less.**