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## DK Games: Silly Sentences



## **Synopsis**

Innovative games promote learning through play -- the proven path to success in school. At last Dorling Kindersley quality is available in a new group of games designed for the younger set. Full-color photos and bold graphics plus traditional and original, specially created games make these the playthings children will return to again and again. Silly Sentences: Grammar skills practice for the early elementary grades.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is a very nice puzzle for making sentences. The sentence structure is enforced by the way the puzzle pieces fit together. Here's what you get: 40 nouns, 12 adjectives, 2 articles, 4 verbs, 2 prepositions. With these can create 16 sentences at a time. Of the 12 adjectives, there are 3 colors and words like big, happy, scary, furry. 4 verbs are "ate", "saw", "climbed", and "jumped" -- the last two require using "over" or "on" because of the way the puzzle pieces fit together. For my daughter (nearly 6) it was good for learning about the parts of a sentence and sentence structure. She wasn't interested in the silliness as she was interested in making "real" sentences. On the other hand, my son (nearly 4) loved the silliness. For him the game was helpful for getting him interested in the concepts of words and sentences. While there is room for improvement, this game works very well for making silly sentences. It is a very good introduction to reading and good for several half hours of fun. The 124 puzzle pieces, while it seems like a lot, still limits the breadth of sentences you can

explore. Overall, I recommend it, especially for the younger end of the recommended 4-7 year age range.

While initially fun, the fact that the game comes with only four verbs--ate, jumped, climbed and saw--makes it hard to hold even a four-year-old's attention for long.

I use this game at school with first and second graders. They love it, and it's a great way to get them using descriptive words, capitals and periods. It's also very durable. I've used the same game with 20+ kids for three years.

My kid has this game in her classroom. I wanted her to have more practice outside of class. It's a fun learning game. I wish there were a few more word options. I'm sure they keep it simple for beginning learners. But I find my kid wanting to add words. So we write them on paper and add them to the sentence line. But each piece is a puzzle piece connection, making the scrap paper additions look sloppy. So it would be nice if there were blank puzzle pieces that they could write in dry erase marker to make up their own words. The game has a big selection of nouns, but needs more adjectives, verbs and adverbs. And blank puzzle pieces that can be inserted for learners custom words.

I purchased this product to use with several ESL students that I tutor. So far I have used it with K-5 students, and all have enjoyed it. Even my more advanced English language learners got a kick out of the silly sentences and as a teacher I appreciate that it reinforces parts of speech and articles which are sometimes challenging for these students. My only complaint is that the verbs are limited, but I think my advanced students could make a project out of creating their own puzzle pieces. All in all, a helpful tool for kids new to english.

My kids have played Silly Sentences with their enrichment teacher & liked it so much that I thought I would buy it for them & we could play at home. A fun way to play & learn at the same time. Anyway this version of Silly Sentences doesn't have the spin wheel or game board according to what my 8 & 6-yo tell me. They said that their teachers game is better. This just has the different word groups & you pick from the different colored piles to form a sentence. I don't think the sentences are as silly compared to the other version where you spin the wheel. But for what I paid for it I guess it's worth it, but certainly wished we had the other version.

I'm so disappointed! My son had gotten this game for his 2 daughters to play. We all played and loved it! When I ordered it to use with my RtI students - kdg. and 1st graders, the game I received was very scaled down as compared to my son's game. No board, no cube (as cheesy as it was) which totally changed the game! No shaking of a die, no moving around a board. Took a lot of the fun for the little ones at home and at school. No fun way to acquire an article, noun or verb. Haven't really figured out how to play this game as it is right now. Wish I could return it! Please bring back the original game - no it wasn't perfect but so much more fun for the kiddos!

-This set includes: 40 various picture/word nouns (people, places, objects, animals, foods...etc) 12 adjective words (happy, thin, hairy, scary, little, sad, big, furry, spotty). 4 verb words (climbed, jumped, saw, ate) 2 prepositions (over, on). Determiners (A, The, a, the). Ending punctuation (periods). The pieces are a thick cardboard type material and arrive perforated in sheets that you need to punch out, but this is easy and enough to do. You get a lot of pieces total. Aside from the nouns and adjectives the verbs, prepositions, determiners, and ending punctuation (periods) are redundant.-Verbs; 4 each of the words climbed, jumped, saw, ate.-Prepositions; 4 each of the words over, on.-Determiners; 4 each of the words A, The, a, the.-Punctuation; 16 periods. There are enough pieces for more than one person to use at a time, and everybody would have enough of the redundant words and punctuation to create sentences. I am a bit let down with the lack of verb words. I have another set similar to this that doesn't have any verbs except for the word 'a'. I got this set since it was described as having verbs. My other set also has a fair amount of sight words, but this set only has the words as I described above. This set is going to become redundant and boring pretty quick. I know this is called Silly Sentences, but using this set for structured sentences will be very limited. Otherwise the set is good quality and you get a lot of pieces in total. You could indeed make a lot of Silly Sentences and there are enough pieces for more than one person to make sentences at a time. This product was a personal purchase for myself at the normal retail price. I am reviewing it solely because I want to share my experience with other potential customers. I have received no compensation for my review nor do I have any relationship with the seller or manufacturer of this product.

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