



THE READING HOUSE



Silly Noun-Verb Sentences

Practicing the parts of speech can be pretty monotonous. Try this activity to make the practice more fun!

Supplies: Index word cards (nouns and verbs); (2) Paper lunch bags (one labeled nouns, the other labeled verbs)

Preparation: Create one pack each of noun and verb word cards. You can make up your own or use some of the suggestions below.

Reinforce the concepts that nouns are naming words (people, places, things) and verbs are action words. Give some examples and encourage your child to do the same.

Place the noun cards in the "nouns bag" and the verb cards in the "verbs bag." Tell your learner to shake up the bags and then choose one card from each bag. Encourage him or her to read the words together in a short, silly sentence. Explain that the nouns are in the plural form so that the sentences make sense.

As you are having fun and laughing over the silly sentences, reinforce which words are nouns and which words are verbs.

Nouns

chickens

pencils

soccer fields

tables

baseballs

friends

trees

gardens

Moms

Dads

Verbs

sing

walk

smell

think

fly

jump

run

yell

wiggle

play



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cups	drink
plates	eat
clouds	swim
boys	write
girls	dance
toys	grow
books	whine
windows	laugh
crayons	roll
clocks	cook
forks	melt

The possibilities are endless! For an added challenge, make a third lunch bag and label it adverbs (words that describe verbs). Fill it with adverb word cards and include them in the funny sentences also. (A few adverb suggestions: sweetly, quickly, loudly, angrily, happily, quietly, slowly, wildly, gracefully, sadly, etc.) So an example of a silly sentence you might create from picking three word cards might be, “Dads swim sweetly.”

- ♠ Utilize more challenging vocabulary to make this activity appropriate for older learners.
- ♠ Add punctuation cards to a fourth lunch bag to utilize punctuation in your silly sentences. Lay out the noun, verb, adverb and punctuation cards in proper order so your learner understands the structure of the sentence.
- ⌘< Younger learners can write one of their silly sentences on paper and illustrate it with a funny picture.