

This is a fun way to practise creating sentences. Some of your sentences might lead to unlikely combinations and some might be the flash of genius you need to start your writing! Follow the instructions to make a fortune teller, using the template on the next page.

### Instructions

1. Make your piece of paper a square by cutting off the part of the sheet that isn't part of the fortune teller.
2. Fold each of the four corners into the middle, along the dotted lines. Try to ensure none of the folds overlap. The words 'shiny', 'guitar', 'faintly' and 'whispered' should be visible. Turn your fortune teller upside down so that these are underneath.
3. Fold each of the new four corners into the middle, along the dotted lines. The parts of speech and numbers of syllables should then be visible and on top.
4. Now fold the square into a rectangle, and unfold. Repeat this so that the words 'shiny', 'guitar', 'faintly' and 'whispered' are on the outside.

Now you are ready to create some sentences. Work with a partner to play.

### Playing the game

1. Put both your thumbs and your index fingers in the gaps under the flaps of paper, and show the words 'shiny', 'guitar', 'faintly' and 'whispered' to your partner by squeezing together your fingers and thumbs.
2. Ask your partner to choose one of the words and to write this down.
3. Spell out your partner's chosen word, opening and closing the fortune teller for each letter. Make sure you open and close it (thumbs together then thumbs with fingers) so that you alternate showing the number of syllables and the parts of speech.
4. Ask your partner to choose from the options shown when you stop. They will choose a part of speech or a number of syllables. They should write down an appropriate word (i.e. if they chose 'verb' they should write down a word that is a verb).
5. Spell out your partner's chosen word, as before.
6. Ask your partner to choose from the options shown when you stop, as before. They should write down one more appropriate word.
7. Lift the flap of the option they chose, and ask your partner to follow this instruction. They will need to use other words to create a full sentence with their three words.
8. Play again to create other sentences!

faintly	adverb	adjective	shiny
1 syllable	End your sentence with an exclamation mark! "put speech marks in your sentence."	Use a comma in your sentence. Start your sentence with an adverb.	2 syllables
4 syllables	Write the shortest sentence you can. Add a conjunction to your sentence.	Start your sentence with a preposition. Can you turn your sentence into a question?	3 syllables
whispered	verb	noun	guitar