Scrambled Sentences

INTRO **BUILD** APPLY

Summary

Scrambled Sentences presents one disordered sentence at a time from a short passage. To solve the puzzle and rebuild the story, students put the sentences into the correct order.

Learning Goals

- With this game, students develop **syntax** and learn to **apply** keywords by situating them in the context of sentences and passages. Visual and textual clues such as puzzle shapes, capitalization, and punctuation help students to decipher word order.
- There are four game levels. At level one, several words start in the correct position. Before, during, and after solving the puzzle, students can listen to the passage narrated so as to reinforce comprehension in **context**.

Use with a student device such as a Chromebook, laptop, tablet, or desktop.
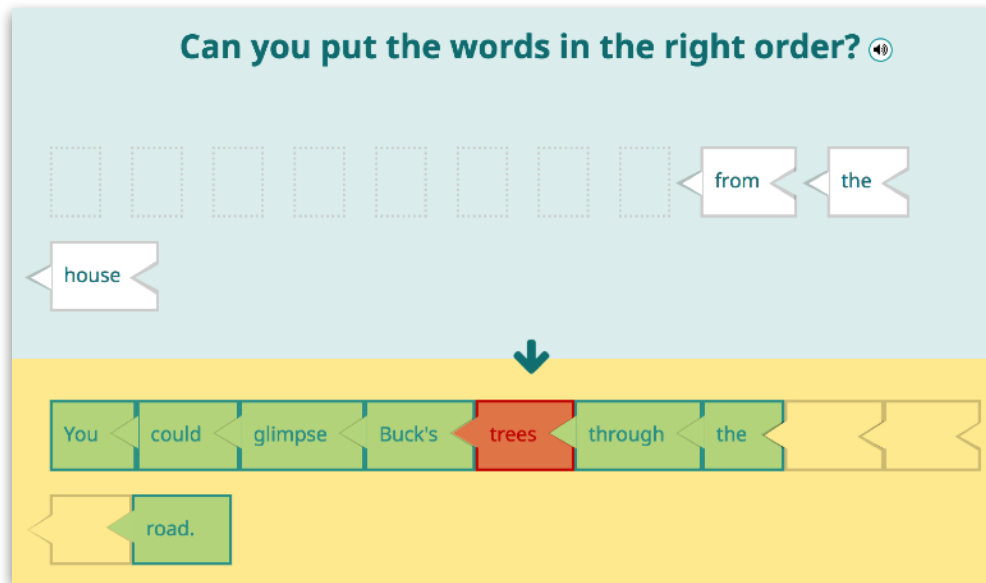
Use this activity as independent practice.

Also works well with paired play where two students work together to solve it.

How to Use Scrambled Sentences

Individual Practice

Scrambled Sentences has four levels of play. Students may select which level to try each session. Advanced students may work their way up to level four quickly, whereas students with emerging skills can still have success at level one and progress at their own pace.

Can you put the words in the right order?

from   the

house

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You   could   glimpse   Buck's   trees   through   the

road.

The game provides corrective feedback and allows students to self-correct through experimentation. Audio plays whenever students place a word or solve a sentence. Students can also hear the story read aloud before, during, and after play. This helps to reinforce context and provides decoding support.

Peer Practice

Scrambled Sentences is also engaging as a paired activity. Students solve the sentence puzzles together and share strategies for achieving correct word order. It can also work as a mentor-mentee activity where a student who is behind can learn from her or his peer. We suggest that the activity be played on the mentee's computer or tablet for two reasons: (1) the data will be tracked for the student who needs the help and (2) the mentee will feel more engaged and empowered if he/she is in control of the device.

Key Learning Strategies

Game Puzzles	*Scrambled Sentences* helps students to visualize how to connect one word to another. By engaging student attention in active learning, the game motivates students to develop meaningful connections with authentic content that is directly aligned with the unit of study.
Scaffolds	Students may self-select from four game levels that determine how many hints they receive.
Word Manipulatives	Actively manipulating sentence structure and order deepens a student's understanding of the way sentences are formed and how words of different categories are applied. It can especially help with understanding usage in varied contexts. The game's kinesthetic, visual learning aspect also helps students to transition new words to long-term memory.