

## Silly Sentences

This is a “days of the week,” “fill in the blank” poem that can be seriously silly but vocabulary-boosting at the same time!

Silly Sentences can be a “circle game” played out loud, or a game played individually or as a group on paper. A “pass the paper” version that folds each completed sentence from the next player creates a silly poem at the end. Either way, it is sometimes wise to have the poem written on paper for players to see, as it can be daunting to try and remember the whole poem without a bit of prompting.

As a challenge for older kids, have players choose a theme (hockey, homework, etc.) and craft all the sentences based on that theme. In addition, introduce the idea of **alliteration**, where all the words in a sentence begin with the same sound: therefore, an ideal answer to the first day of the week would be: “On Mondays it is marvellous to make marshmallow mud.”

As a circle game, have each player try to repeat what the previous players have said, so that by the end of the circle, the entire week is being recited. If playing with more than seven children, those who can't remember the whole poem are “out” while the others continue playing until the end. If this is too tough for players, develop an “echo” response, where every player repeats what the previous player said before or after completing his/her own “day of the week.”

As a pass the paper version, fold the paper in advance, fan-like, so that kids aren't struggling to fold the paper properly while everyone else is waiting.

### A Wacky Week

On Mondays it is marvellous to make...

On Tuesdays it is terrible to tell...

On Wednesdays it is weird to wear...

On Thursdays it is tricky to try...

On Fridays it is funny to forget...

On Saturdays it is silly to say...

On Sundays it is smart to spend...