

TELL A PUZZLING STORY

Here's the cool thing about working a jigsaw puzzle. You're using both the right side (creativity) and left side (logic) of your brain at the same time! Try out this activity with students to double up on the left-brain, right-brain benefits.

STEP 1. Choose a puzzle with a lot going on. The more animals, characters, and activities happening in the scene, the better!

STEP 2. Select a small group of students. At the start, designate one person to begin telling a story. This story should relate to the puzzle itself, so display the box or picture prominently in your puzzle area.

STEP 3. Each time someone finds a puzzle piece that fits, they get to take over the story, building on it from the last person. Encourage your students to gradually add to the story so it continues for a long time.

STEP 4. After a certain amount of time (maybe 5-10 minutes), encourage the students to end the story and start a new one. This will keep them engaged as they're searching for puzzle pieces.



ACTIVITY #1:

Benefit: Improve Cognitive Abilities
Focus Skills: Storytelling, Speaking, Imagination