

About These Activities . . .

Here are 45 activities that will make children look and think.

Students must analyze visual information in detail and then draw logical conclusions by finishing a sentence that describes the drawing. The answer's first letters are provided.

This is not as easy as it sounds, because in all cases, the drawings must make sense with the sentence starts.

Here are a couple of examples that explain in detail how the concept works.

In one problem, students look at a drawing that has a horizontal line with lots of dots above the line and a few dots below the line. The sentence start below the illustration reads: Most of the dots are ... a t l (above the line).

In another challenge, students look at a drawing on the left that consists of one square with lots of little dots and a drawing on the right that consists of a completely black square. The sentence start below the illustration reads... If you kept adding dots to the left square, it could end up looking just like the ... r s (right square).

When the solution is realized, an aha! factor sets in. (Even adults have been known to have a good time with this type of visual problem solving.)

How you use these activities is up to you. In a classroom setting, you might try three or four each day as a warm-up challenge. Or hand them out to early-finishers. The activities are also excellent for homeschoolers or for at-home extracurricular enrichment.