

## Matching Game "Puzzle" template

### Instructions:

This is a more sophisticated form of "concentration" because it includes a self-check and hints on words that the learner doesn't know.

To prepare game: Fill in 18 pairs of words, or words and pictures, on any two triangles that touch at a dotted line (see diagram - pairs are marked A-R). Pairs also include the top and bottom of a given column and the two ends of a row. Because of this, there is more than one right way to assemble the puzzle.

Matching pairs can be rhyming words, present simple verb and its past irregular form, English word and its Hebrew definition or a picture to show its meaning... any content that you want the learner to practice reading and commit to memory.

Cut out the squares on the dotted lines only (don't cut out the triangles).

Options: You can enlarge the template. Glue your puzzle onto colored paper or cardboard and laminate. You can make giant squares on stiff board or Bristol for group play, such as at a group "Hickey Party" to celebrate the end of a semester in the tutoring program in a school setting.

To play: match the words, placing them together (the edges of their squares touching). Assemble the puzzle into a 3X3 square so that every word only touches a matching word.

(There are lots of "right ways" to assemble the puzzle, since the words at the top and bottom of each column and both ends of each row also match.)

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