



mental BLOX

a brain-boosting, block-building
make-you-think game!

Includes:

- 20 Blocks (2 sets of 10)
- 20 Double-sided cards

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Ages | Grades
5+ | K+

For 3 or more players



Stack, pattern, and match the multicolor shapes, but don't be fooled by appearances: these endlessly enjoyable blocks mean brain-boosting business! Twenty double-sided cards keep critical thinking skills in tip-top shape while ensuring all players use strategy and visual literacy in a variety of clever cognitive activities.

How to Play

Game 1: Look & Build

1. Divide players into two even teams. Give each team an identical set of 10 blocks.
2. Put a card far enough from the players so that they can't see it while sitting with their teams.
3. Designate one player to be the counter.
4. The first player on each team gets up and looks at the card while the counter counts to 10.
5. The first players come back to their respective teams to begin building the structure with blocks.
6. Play continues with every player getting an opportunity to look at the card for 10 seconds, and then returning to their teams to help complete the structure.
7. The first team whose players agree that they correctly built the structure calls out "Mental Block!"
8. Check the team's structure against the card.
9. If the team built the structure correctly, they can keep the card. If they built the structure incorrectly, see if the other team came closer to re-creating the structure; if so, that team keeps the card. Continue playing for three rounds.
10. To really get brains working, answer the bonus question on the bottom of the card.

Game 2: Listen & Build

1. In this game, you'll have one caller and two builders.
2. Divide blocks so that each player has an identical set of 10 blocks.
3. The caller should take a card and, with his or her back to the builders, describe the structure to the builders.
4. After the caller finishes describing the structure, and the builders complete their re-creations, compare the card to the structures. Which builder came closest to re-creating the picture with blocks? The most accurate builder can keep the card. Continue playing for three rounds.
5. To really get brains working, answer the bonus question on the bottom of the card. For variation, describe the structure on the card to two teams and see which team gets it right!

Answer Key

Many questions have multiple answers. For those that only have one, the answers are listed below.

1. Orange x block
2. Purple
3. Striped x block
6. Yes; turn the x block in a different direction
7. They are all solid
8. Orange x block
9. Any blocks with dots
17. Add the orange x block to the first column
21. Yes
24. On the cube