

**Spelling  
Game**

# Elephant Puzzles

**Players:** 2–3

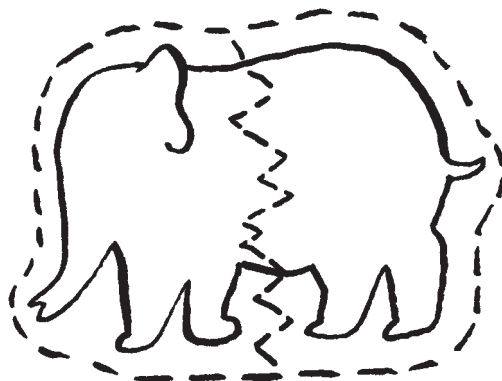
**You need:** Elephant Puzzle shapes from page 51 (copy, mount on tagboard, cut out, and cut apart on the dotted lines)

**How to play:** Shuffle the puzzle pieces and arrange them face-down on a flat surface.

1. The first player chooses two pieces that look as though they might fit together and turns them over.
2. If the pieces fit together and form a spelling word, the player spells and pronounces the word and keeps the puzzle pieces.
3. If the pieces do not match, the player puts them back and the next player takes a turn.

Play continues until all the pieces are matched. The player with the most completed puzzles wins. You may wish to use the elephant shape below to make puzzle pieces for other words that have the same patterns as the Basic Words, such as **net**, **pet**, **fed**, **led**, **hen**, and **men**.

**Other ways to play this game:** Place the pieces in an envelope for individual children to use as a puzzle activity. Have them write the words they make on a sheet of paper.



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