

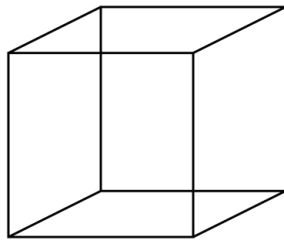


**GARY SETZER** ⇨ THE UNIQUE TITLE OF THIS MUSEUM EXHIBITION DIFFERENTIATES IT FROM OTHER EXHIBITIONS PRODUCED BY THE ARTIST WHILE IT SIMULTANEOUSLY HINTS AT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ARTWORK IT CONTAINS

**LANGUAGE + ART** - As you may see from the title of his current exhibition at MOCA Tucson, Gary Setzer likes to play, especially when it comes to words and their meaning. This exhibition is filled with playful text pieces that challenge us to consider how we interpret words, text and art. Gary's work makes word play fun. This activity invites you to think about text and words in new ways, and to create your own text pieces.

## WORD PLAY

The steps below will walk you through how to create your own text blocks using a template. We will then provide you with a few ways you can arrange letters and play with text. We hope you will discover some new connections through your own creative play. This activity is geared toward ages 8+.



You will need:

- Paper
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Markers
- Printer (optional)

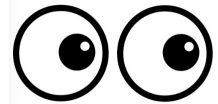
For this activity you will want to print out [this template](#). If you don't have access to a printer you can create your own template using a ruler, making each side of your block at least 2" x 2". You can use the template link provided as a guide. You can also use your computer screen as a lightbox. Just tape your paper to the screen and lightly trace over the template using a ruler. You can then cut out the template shape. Once you have your template cut out, you will want to write one letter of the alphabet on each side. You can put six letters on each block with one on each side. If you make nine blocks you can write the alphabet out two times on your blocks with two blank sides left. Adding extra vowels like "E" and "A" will give you more options when creating words with your blocks. Once you have all your letters written out, fold the template to make a block. The tabs can be folded in and glued on the inside of the block to hold it all together.

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Now that your blocks are made, we challenge you to create words with the following prompts:



- **Onomatopoeia:** a word or a grouping of words that imitates the sound it is describing
- **Palindrome:** a word or phrase that reads the same in either direction, like “racecar.”
- **Autoantonym:** a word that has two meanings that are opposites of each other, like “overlook”: to miss seeing something or to look over something.
- **Mondegreen:** Mishearing a word, like misheard song lyrics, resulting in a new word or meaning. What song lyrics have you misheard?
- **Roll the “dice”:** Roll your 9 blocks. How many words can you find out of the letters you roll? Challenge a friend or family member to see how many words you can come up with. You can continue the game by reducing the number of blocks you roll each time. Use a timer to see who can up with most words the fastest!



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