

- Take apart a word letter by letter, finding a new word each time you subtract a letter, as in this poem **What nonsense!**

## What nonsense!

The Word Wizard said,  
"Think of a word."  
What a lot of nonsense!  
I thought: **Drivel.**  
"To find what urges you to act,"  
said the Wizard,  
"Subtract the last letter."  
**Drive.**  
"Now, remove the second letter.  
Go on. Take the plunge!"  
**Dive.**  
"To reveal a contraction,  
Cross out the first letter."  
**I've.**  
"Take away the middle letter  
And you'll see *that is* – an  
abbreviation."  
**i.e.**  
"Finally, lose the last letter  
And find yourself."  
**I.**

## Take apart these words:

Sandy

Later

Sprite

## Think of a word yourself and try to take it apart letter by letter

Not sure if its a  
word?



Check your answer using an  
**Oxford Children's Dictionary.**

### Answers:

Sandy – sand, and, an, a.  
Later – late, ate, at, a.  
Sprite – sprite, spit, pit, it, i.