



Discovering Logosland

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Let's Cast A Few Spells

Can I cast a spell using any words I can think of? asked Jordan.

Absolutely any concoction you can imagine.

Con-what-sum?

Concoction. It's a delicious word that means a mixture of different things, like the gruesome ingredients in a witch's gruel (that's another great word for porridge).

Ok, so long as I use the four magic kinds of words, right?

Spoken like a true word wizard.

Good. I'm going to start with my favourite food.

Ah, yes, of course. The way to a boy's brain is through his stomach. What is your favourite food?

It's a peanut butter and liquorice sandwich.

That sounds disgusting!

No, it's not. You'll see. So, let's see. The sandwich is the noun, that's easy. Now, how would I describe it? It's gummy, salty but also sweet from the liquorice all-sorts, and colourful too, so those are my adjectives.

I see it. But it could taste like cardboard for all I know.

I can prove it's yummy by adding some verbs and adverbs. I'm slowly chewing my gummy, salty, sweet, multi-coloured peanut and liquorice sandwich and it's so delicious that my tongue is tingling and my mouth is drooling a lot.

Wow! That sounds pretty convincing. Can I try it?

Go ahead. I'm sure you'll have to agree with me.

Hmmm .. After masticating your tacky, saline, saccharine, psychedelic peanut butter and liquorice sandwich, I must confess that it's so scrumptious that my tongue is tickled and my mouth is salivating copiously.

Huh!? Did you like it or not?

Did you notice what I just did?





You mean, apart from showing off that you know some big words?

Yes, apart from that. I used different words to say the same thing.



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