

Puzzle 5: Having A Ball

The poor fool thought himself a better juggler than he actually was. As a result, his juggling balls were dropped and broke into several pieces. Included with your puzzle props are a dozen plastic pieces in four colors. Your challenge is to reassemble them into a sphere. When you have your orb together, bring it by Eric's headquarters to get credit. Upon presentation you will then be allowed to choose a number of letters from the alphabet and all such instances of those letters will be revealed at once in the message below "Wheel of Fortune"-style.

The number of letters you are allowed to choose depends upon the color configuration of the ball that you bring to Eric:

- 1) Simply assembling the pieces into any complete sphere will allow you to choose 5 letters of the alphabet to be revealed in the message below.
- 2) If your orb is assembled in such a way that all like-colored pieces touch one another (i.e. all black pieces touch each other, all red pieces touch each other, and so on), then you will be allowed to choose 8 letters from the alphabet.
- 3) If your orb is constructed in such a way that no adjacent/touching pieces are the same color, then you will be allowed to choose 12 letters.

With some of the letters revealed, you should then try to figure out the whole message to answer this puzzle.

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