Vocabulary

Teacher Use:

Vocabulary refers to the words that students must know in order to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing. Vocabulary knowledge is crucially important to reading, it supports both decoding and comprehension. In fact, first-grade students' vocabulary knowledge predicts reading achievement in high school (Cunningham & Stanovich, 1997)

"Picture Categories" can be used to help students visualize and conceptualize different types of words. Use this tool to help students categorize words and determine how the words presented are the same.

Category Maps are included in this resource.

This resource can be used for instructional purposes. It is important to walk students through the vocabulary work process, so they can prioritize information.

This resource can be used in literacy stations, small group instruction, or for reading intervention.

Vocabulary

Directions:

To preserve the use of the activity laminate the category maps. A blank map is also included to add additional words or pictures.

Please note: Teachers can use "Picture Category," in multiple ways. Essentially this tool can be used as a fun and simple way to categorize different words and determine how the words are the same.

Teacher should make the category map visible to students. Have students look at the picture, then call out the words on the map or have student read the map independently . After the student reads the words, have them determine the category of the words on the map.

If students are having difficulty deciding the category, have them determine the similarity of the words by observing the function, feature, or purpose of the word. For example, the function refers to what it does. The feature refers to the characteristics or attributes. The purpose refers to what it is used for.

Categories

Determine a category:

Categories

Determine a category:



Jumping Jacks



Swimming



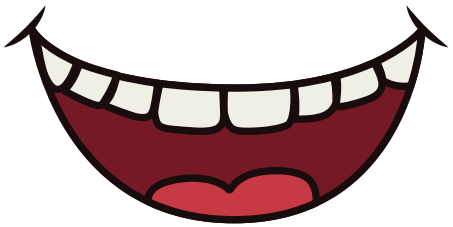
Running

Categories

Determine a category:



Eyes



Mouth



Ear

Categories

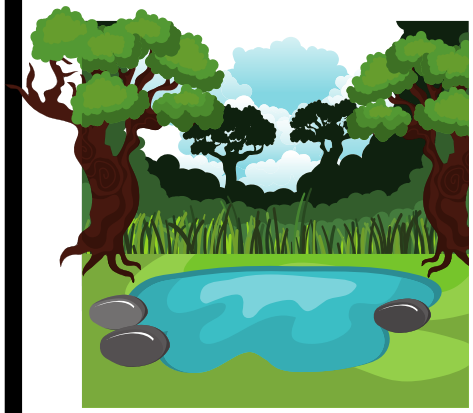
Determine a category:



Beach



Mountains



Forest

Categories

Determine a category:



Cap



Gloves



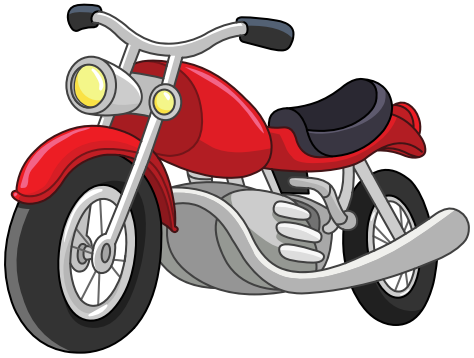
Shoes

Categories

Determine a category:



Plane



Motorcylcle



Boat

Categories

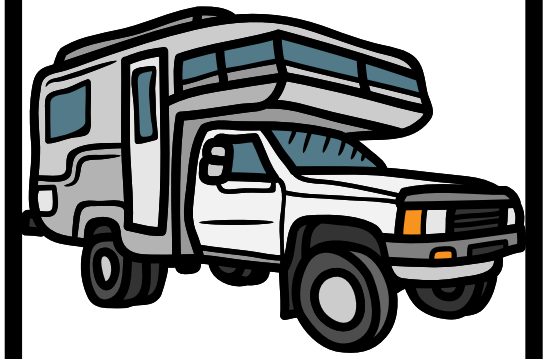
Determine a category:



House



Apartment



Motorhome

Categories

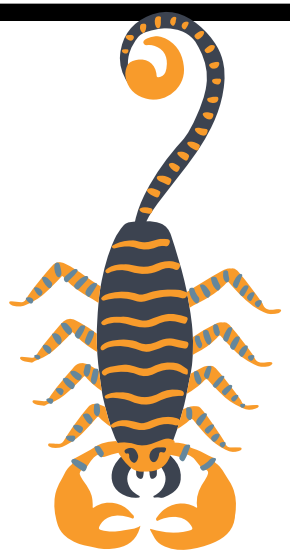
Determine a category:



Bee



Hornet



Scorpion

Categories

Determine a category:



Flowers



Potatoes



Pumpkin

Categories

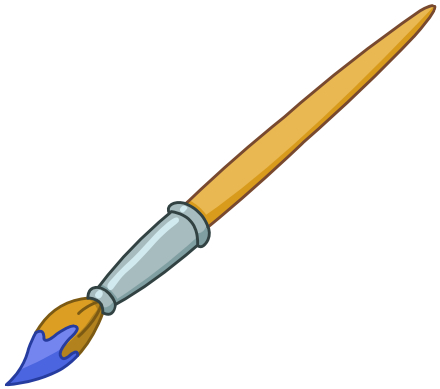
Determine a category:



Pencil



Scissor



Paintbrush

Categories

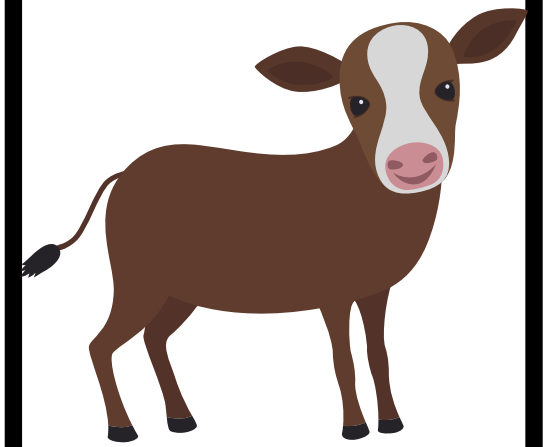
Determine a category:



Baby



Cub



Calf

Categories

Determine a category:



California



Florida



Oklahoma

Categories

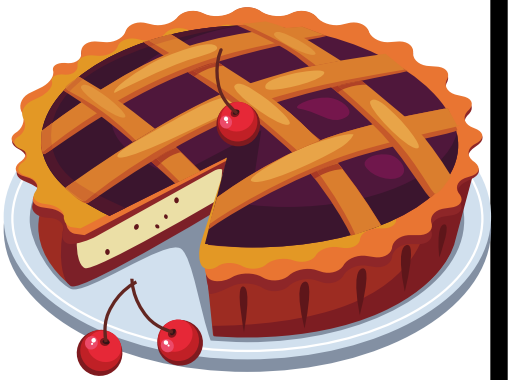
Determine a category:



Pizza



Cake



Pie

Categories

Determine a category:



Computer



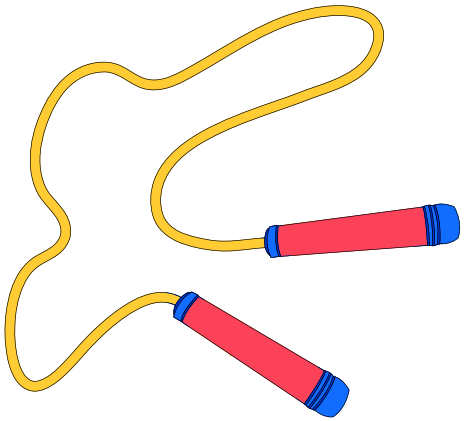
Cell Phone



Video Game

Categories

Determine a category:



Jump Rope



Hopskotch



Trampoline

Categories

Determine a category:



Basketball



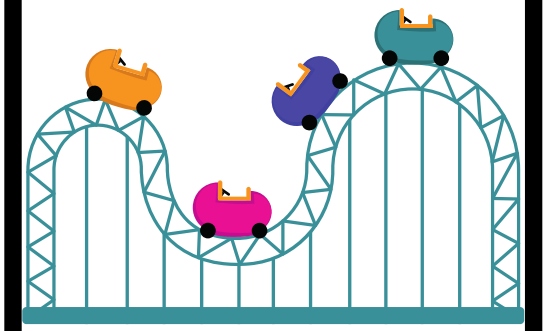
Baseball



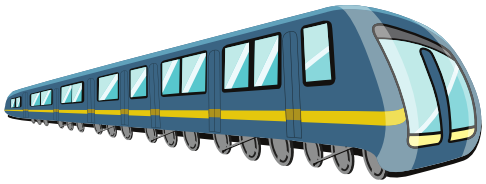
Volleyball

Categories

Determine a category:



Rollercoaster



Train



Sportscar

Categories

Determine a category:



Brother and Sister



Grandmother



Cousins