Abstract Categories
by Kathryn J. Tomlin

Skills
- abstract categorization
- reading and auditory comprehension
- inclusion and exclusion
- perceptual features
- vocabulary
- word relationships

Ages
- 16 through adult

Grades
- high school and up

Evidence-Based Practice
According to the Clinical Guidelines of the Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists (www.rcslt.org/resources, 2005) and the National Stroke Association (2006), the following therapy principles are supported:

- Communication, both verbal and nonverbal, is a fundamental human need. Meeting this need by facilitating and enhancing communication in any form can be vital to a patient’s well-being.

- Therapy should include tasks that focus on semantic processing, including semantic cueing of spoken output, semantic judgments, categorization, and word-to-picture matching.

- Therapy may target the comprehension and production of complex, as well as simple, sentence forms.

- Therapy should be conducted within natural communication environments.

- Rehabilitation is an important part of recovering from a stroke, and the goal is to regain as much independence as possible.

This book incorporates the above principles and is also based on expert professional practice.
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- WALC 2–Cognitive Rehab
- WALC 8–Word Finding
- WALC 9–Verbal and Visual Reasoning
- WALC 10–Memory
- WALC 11–Language for Home Activities
- The Source for Apraxia Therapy

Zanmi, Kathy’s Samoyed, goes to work with her to encourage the clients. Her clients enjoy feeding and spending time with Zanmi, and Zanmi enjoys their company. Everybody wins!

Dedication

This book is respectfully dedicated to Danielle Fedele. Thanks for all your help in using the exercises in this series of books. I couldn’t have done it without you. May your journey in the world of speech/language pathology be fulfilling and fruitful.

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Introduction

Categorization is an integral part of our daily communication. We categorize in multiple ways every day. We categorize when we get dressed, when we choose what to eat, when we go shopping, when we plant gardens, and so on. But the ability to categorize is frequently impaired in someone who has language or thinking difficulties. It can become very confusing or overwhelming if categorization skills are impaired.

Many factors can hinder one’s ability to categorize, such as:

- Difficulty understanding language or concepts due to aphasia.
- Difficulty utilizing convergent language skills.
- Difficulty mentally manipulating information and coming to a conclusion.
- Impulsivity causing action before receiving and analyzing all pertinent information.
- Becoming overwhelmed with mentally-held information and new input.

The exercises in *Just for Adults: Abstract Categories* have been developed to address abstract categorization. Abstract categorization addresses intangible qualities and characteristics as opposed to concrete categorization which refers to things that are definite and tangible. Abstract categorization skills are foundational for many language and thought processes and for activities of daily functioning.

The exercises can be done in multiple ways.

- Have clients read items silently and complete them independently.
- Have clients read task items aloud and write the response. In general, performance improves when a person has multi-modality input (i.e., hearing it while reading it).
- Read the items to the client and have the client give responses verbally.

On page 6, you will find a screening tool that is not to be used as a test but rather as a way to observe a client’s use of strategies and reasoning patterns. Some questions to think about while observing how the client completes the screening include:

1. Does the client need to use verbal rehearsal to aid comprehension?
2. Is the client impulsive, and does his impulsivity lead to errors?
3. Does the client read too much into the task and become confused?
4. Is the client aware of his error responses?
5. Does the client ask for clarification when having difficulty or does he just keep going, whether the item is understood or not?
6. Does the client miss salient information?
7. Is the client able to think convergently and divergently?
8. Does the client have trouble shifting from one task to the next?
These guidelines will help you present the activities in this book.

- The goals of these exercises are to improve a person’s ability to converge upon specific members of a category and to think divergently to determine the category to which members belong. These abilities to converge and diverge information are foundational skills in many cognitive functions. Be flexible with presentation and accept answers that differ from your viewpoint if the person can give a logical explanation. The answers in the Answer Key are provided as a reference and are not intended to be all inclusive.

- The exercises are not for testing purposes. Try to make them as enjoyable as possible. Talking about the specific task items, particularly when correcting error responses, will help to improve one’s ability for achieving the goals. Do not get into debates if the person is unable to see another viewpoint for a response. Just move on to the next item.

I hope you and your clients find these exercises enjoyable and beneficial.

Kathy
1. Circle the best answer. A glass is something that: snaps jumps breaks

2. Circle the one that is dry. desert mist dew

3. Connect the category to its member.
   smells good heater
   bright glass
   hot spotlight
   smooth rose

4. Circle the two items from the same category.
   tissue sponge windy

5. Circle the things that fly.
   butter wasp pencil
   kite stamp spaceship
   mitten eagle airplane

6. Circle the item that doesn’t belong with the others.
   door eyes paper mouth

7. Name something white that begins with the letter S. ________________

8. Add a similar item to this list.
   anchor, truck, 200-lb. weight, ________________

9. Name five green things found in a garden.
   ________________ ________________ ________________
   ________________ ________________
Selecting Category Name—Three Choices

Mark the category on the right that goes with the item on the left.

Example: lemon .................. sweet salty sour

1. elbow .................. plants sees bends
2. memo .................. short floats old
3. fire .................. opened burns rare
4. owl .................. jingles fresh hoots
5. corn .................. yellow purple black
6. football .................. baked thrown tuned
7. hammer .................. hard ripped pliable
8. cake .................. bright hairy sweet
9. turtle .................. fast slow square
10. joke .................. short young funny
11. mouse .................. small large wide
12. dime .................. heavy round sticky
13. genius .................. smart locked clear
14. scream .................. slow pointed loud
15. rain .................. thin wet lumpy
Selecting Category Name—Three Choices

Mark the category on the right that goes with the item on the left.

Example: lemon ................. sweet salty sour

1. mile .................. mixed long loud
2. balloon ................. served sharp inflated
3. frog ................... jumps hard flat
4. antiques ............... grows soft old
5. doorknob ............. turns served spicy
6. mosquito ............... large flies deep
7. mirror ................ packed expires reflects
8. sun .................... green bright moist
9. lettuce ............... crisp quick tiny
10. carrot ................. strong shrill orange
11. gravel ............... tall rough salty
12. boat .................. soft low floats
13. mountain ............. turns chewy large
14. tree .................. opens bland grows
15. cotton ................ early soft wide
Selecting Category Member—Three Choices

Mark the word on the right that goes with the category on the left.

Example: **blue** ................. nut  blueberry starch

1. **cold** ................. puzzle ramp  ice
2. **flows** ................. river sun  buck
3. **sharp** ................. ear knife  stand
4. **green** ................. finger bark  grass
5. **expires** ................. license picture  radio
6. **quick** ................. turtle tears  eye blink
7. **rips** ................. clothing cement  stone
8. **colorful** ................. rainbow glass  water
9. **straight** ................. ruler curls  ball
10. **sticky** ................. powder wind  glue
11. **hairy** ................. ape orange  mug
12. **shrink** ................. melody purr  whistle
13. **square** ................. circle cube  roll
14. **tiny** ................. ant dog  horse
15. **strong** ................. paper steel  cotton
Selecting Category Member—Three Choices

Mark the word on the right that goes with the category on the left.

Example: blue ............... nut  blueberry starch

1. sour ................... lime  candy jam
2. short ................... mile  highway inch
3. young ................... baby  antique ancient
4. fast ..................... worm  jet  snail
5. wet ..................... milk  cactus  blanket
6. hops .................... shark  weed  rabbit
7. mixed ................... salt  batter  ice
8. turns .................... page  tray  vase
9. fried .................... cake  egg  tire
10. pointed ............... glass  balloon  pencil
11. clear ................... brick  rug  glass
12. large ................... grain  truck  paper clip
13. bumpy .................. dirt road  photo  desk top
14. red ..................... banana  tomato  broccoli
15. scented ................ ice  wire  perfume
Matching Across Columns

Match the word on the left to its category on the right. The first one is done for you.

basketball player

dawn

skunk

flea

rock concert

paper towel

turkey

window

blood

baseball

alley

dill pickle

bouquet of flowers

magazine subscription

ice cube

potato chip

red

loud

arranged

narrow

tall

cold

absorbent

round

early

stuffed

crunchy

small

clear

sour

smells bad

expires
### Matching Across Columns

Match the category on the left to its member on the right. The first one is done for you.

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<th>Member</th>
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<td>blood</td>
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<td>dark</td>
<td>ocean waves</td>
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<td>fast</td>
<td>bubble</td>
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<td>peacock</td>
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<td>night</td>
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<td>pretzel</td>
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<td>sun</td>
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<td>knot</td>
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<td>playing the piano</td>
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<td>tennis ball</td>
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<td>jumps</td>
<td>banana</td>
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</table>
Matching Category to Member

Write the letter of the item on the right next to its category on the left. The first one is done for you.

___ deep
___ fresh
___ flexible
___ sweet
___ hurts
___ fragile
___ dirty
___ tall
___ pink
___ expires
___ pushed

A. apple pie
B. lawn mower
C. crystal glasses
D. flamingo
E. freshly-baked bead
F. skyscraper
G. sprained ankle
H. insurance policy
I. ocean
J. garden hose
K. mud puddle
Matching Category to Member

Write the letter of the item on the right next to its category on the left. The first one is done for you.

_____ chewy

 _____ spicy

 _____ absorbent

 _____ frozen

 _____ shallow

 _____ smooth

 _____ crisp

 _____ sings

 _____ black

 _____ funny

 _____ loud

A. puddle

B. jet taking off

C. coal

D. gum

E. ice cream

F. cracker

G. chili

H. circus clown

I. choir member

J. sponge

K. baby’s skin
Locate Similar Category Items

Circle two words in each group that are in the same category.

Example: snow ice heater

1. helicopter soil eagle
2. perfume after-shave cola
3. milk skyscraper redwood tree
4. whisper mouse squeak drum
5. snow peacock rainbow
6. balloon stone volleyball
7. diamonds popcorn fur coat
8. quarter napkin paper towel
9. licorice coal school bus
10. pencil point plate nail
11. stone peanut butter margarine
12. fire kennel sun
13. glue chewing gum mine
14. manure piston skunk
15. building grain of sand ant
Locate Similar Category Items

Circle two words in each group that are in the same category.

Example: snow, ice, dove

1. hair bow, steel bar, knot
2. fly, kangaroo, frog
3. beetle, dice, box
4. sugar, candy bar, burger
5. iron, paste, glue
6. car trunk, football, suitcase
7. sock, newspaper, magazine
8. speeding, stealing, breathing
9. fur coat, tent, cat
10. baby, puppy, watch
11. license, wire cutters, subscription
12. comedian, clown, cheese
13. fish, lemonade, dill pickle
14. stop sign, strawberries, snow
15. siren, whisper, screaming
## Sorting—Four Category Choice

<table>
<thead>
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<th>Things that run on electricity</th>
<th>Things that burn</th>
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</table>

Write these words under their categories. The first one is done for you.

- paper clip
- television
- wood
- sugar
- paper
- ant
- air conditioner
- cardboard
- candy bar
- vacuum
- thumbtack
- logs
- cake
- mouse
- cookies
- newspaper
- microwave
- pie
- grain of sand
- coffee maker
- thimble
### Sorting—Four Category Choice

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<td>Things that are sticky</td>
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<tr>
<td>razor</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Write these words under their categories. The first one is done for you.

- razor
- air mattress
- syrup
- screech
- glue
- tire
- knife
- molasses
- yell
- saw
- basketball
- honey
- rock concert
- scissors
- siren
- raft
- meat cleaver
- horn
- paste
- sword
- balloon
Selecting Category Members

Mark the words in each box that belong to the category.

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<td>hawk</td>
<td>boulder</td>
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<td>radio</td>
<td>paper</td>
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<td>bee</td>
<td>bones</td>
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<td>wax</td>
<td>steel bar</td>
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<td>kite</td>
<td>window</td>
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<td>ringer</td>
<td>pencil point</td>
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<td>helicopter</td>
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<td>hot dog</td>
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<td>brick</td>
<td>bread</td>
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<td>mountain</td>
<td>cookies</td>
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<td>tennis ball</td>
<td>cupcakes</td>
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<td>butter</td>
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<td>knee</td>
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<td>door</td>
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<td>orange</td>
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<td>feather</td>
<td>bun</td>
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<td>mouth</td>
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Selecting Category Members

Mark the words in each box that belong to the category.

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<td>ant</td>
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<td>cricket</td>
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<td>spoon</td>
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### Pictures of Category Items

Mark any picture on this page that shows something **sharp**.

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Pictures of Category Items

Mark the ones that are **jumping**.

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Locating Items in Sentences

Circle the **soft items** in each sentence. The first one is done for you. There may be more than one answer in each sentence.

1. He let the **ice cream** sit out awhile before serving it.

2. He tucked the blanket around the baby in the crib.

3. She added water to the clay so she could make a pot.

4. His leather coat had a thick fleece lining.

5. She put two pillows and a thick comforter on the bed.

6. Kittens and puppies are playful but they also sleep a lot.

7. The boy liked to feel the mud ooze between his toes.

8. The cotton balls are in the closet next to the tissues.

9. Her cat sat on her lap while she watched TV.

10. He kneaded the bread dough before baking it.

11. There were jellyfish lying on the sand along the water.

12. The scouts toasted marshmallows over the fire.
**Locating Items in Sentences**

Circle the **people** or **things that swim** in each sentence. The first one is done for you. There may be more than one answer in each sentence.

1. The **children** were doing laps in the swimming pool.

2. The documentary was about seals and walruses.

3. The lifeguard at the beach went on duty at 10:00 AM.

4. The river was teeming with bass and trout.

5. The playful otters loved to go down the waterfall.

6. He trained dolphins and porpoises for the water show.

7. The boys brought home frogs and toads in a bucket.

8. Among the rocks were many sea horses looking for food.

9. They went fishing for flounder in the bay.

10. The sting ray was chasing the turtle.

11. They got on a boat to go whale watching.

12. The deep sea diver saw many species of fish around the reef.
Exclusion—Which Doesn’t Belong?

Mark the word that does not belong with the other words.

Example: blood tomato coal fire truck

1. cake batter spaghetti muffin mix dough
2. garlic air freshener perfume roses
3. air mattress tire wallet volleyball
4. jumping running sleeping walking
5. flour powder ashes water
6. ball ice pick pencil nail
7. joke riddle pun napkin
8. cookies lemons sugar taffy
9. mansion mountain mouse yacht
10. snow peacock rainbow flowers
11. wasp crow plane comb
12. new house gold jewelry socks diamonds
13. tissue gravel cotton hair
14. coal tar licorice butterfly
15. ice fire sun matches
Exclusion—Which Doesn’t Belong? ———

Mark the word that does not belong with the other words.

Example: blood tomato **coal** fire truck

1. bird otter fish whale
2. spotlight sun headlight cloud
3. towel foil sponge rag
4. cube ball box dice
5. leopard Dalmatian volleyball ladybug
6. soap skunk rotten food pig
7. thumbtack penny pill elephant
8. snow teeth dirt cotton ball
9. pyramid computer dinosaur mummies
10. curtain bell telephone chimes
11. toad cricket shark kangaroo
12. carrot flamingo orange pumpkin
13. ice cream chili tacos spaghetti sauce
14. pillow baby’s skin cotton pipes
15. oatmeal mud water pudding
Name Category from Example ————————

Name a quality of each of item. The first one is done for you.

1. lemon: __________
   
2. window: __________
   
3. ruler: __________
   
4. skunk: __________
   
5. mirror: __________
   
6. water: __________
   
7. bone: __________
   
8. pillow: __________
   
9. door: __________
   
10. coal: __________

11. gold: __________

12. jet plane: __________

13. snow: __________

14. grass: __________

15. towel: __________

16. potato chip: __________

sour
Name Category from Example

Name a quality of each of item. The first one is done for you.

1. lemon: _________
2. ice cream: ________________
3. hair: __________________
4. tree: __________________
5. cotton: ________________
6. potato: ________________
7. light bulb: ______________
8. fire: __________________
9. balloon: ________________
10. tomato: ________________
11. match: ________________
12. sponge: ________________
13. mouse: ________________
14. leaf: ________________
15. brick: ________________
16. drinking glass: ________________
Provide a Category Member Given First Letter ——

Name an item using the given letter. The first one is done for you.

1. Name something **soft** that begins with **H**.  
   _______________  
   **hair**

2. Name something **large** that begins with **T**.  
   _______________

3. Name something **sharp** that begins with **K**.  
   _______________

4. Name something **inflated** that begins with **B**.  
   _______________

5. Name something that **smells good** that begins with **P**.  
   _______________

6. Name something **loud** that begins with **S**.  
   _______________

7. Name something **creamy** that begins with **P**.  
   _______________

8. Name something **tied** that begins with **K**.  
   _______________

9. Name something that **rips** that begins with **P**.  
   _______________

10. Name something **bright** that begins with **L**.  
   _______________

11. Name something **wet** that begins with **W**.  
   _______________

12. Name something **funny** that begins with **J**.  
   _______________

13. Name something **small** that begins with **M**.  
   _______________

14. Name something **white** that begins with **S**.  
   _______________

15. Name something **round** that begins with **B**.  
   _______________

16. Name something **straight** that begins with **R**.  
   _______________
Provide a Category Member Given First Letter —

Name an item using the given letter. The first one is done for you.

1. Name something soft that begins with H.  
   _______________ hair

2. Name something that pops that begins with B.  
   _______________

3. Name something that jumps that begins with F.  
   _______________

4. Name something that barks that begins with D.  
   _______________

5. Name something warm that begins with C.  
   _______________

6. Name something smooth that begins with G.  
   _______________

7. Name something large that begins with M.  
   _______________

8. Name something that flies that begins with B.  
   _______________

9. Name something that swims that begins with F.  
   _______________

10. Name something absorbent that begins with S.  
    _______________

11. Name something green that begins with G.  
    _______________

12. Name something cold that begins with I.  
    _______________

13. Name something salty that begins with P.  
    _______________

14. Name something that reflects that begins with M.  
    _______________

15. Name something thrown that begins with B.  
    _______________

16. Name something red that begins with T.  
    _______________
Name Category from List of Members  

Name the quality the items have in common.

Example: grass, lime, lettuce: \textcolor{green}{\textit{green}}

1. ice, snow, sherbet: ____________________
2. polished metal, new coins, waxed car: ____________________
3. cotton, baby’s skin, pillow: ____________________
4. knife, razor, scissors: ____________________
5. raft, balloon, basketball: ____________________
6. lemon, banana, sun: ____________________
7. tabletop, glass, clean-shaven face: ____________________
8. anchor, boat with a hole, stone: ____________________
9. turtle, slug, worm: ____________________
10. paper, wood, match: ____________________
11. pebble, flea, grain of sand: ____________________
12. cake batter, cookie dough, muffin mix: ____________________
13. new house, diamonds, gold jewelry: ____________________
14. dinner plate, ball, globe: ____________________
15. doorknob, pages, steering wheel: ____________________
Name Category from List of Members

Name the quality the items have in common.

Example: grass, lime, lettuce: \( \text{green} \)

1. glue, adhesive, tape: ____________________
2. fire, heat, sun: ____________________
3. airplane, bird, kite: ____________________
4. skunk, rotten food, dirty socks: ____________________
5. boat, raft, buoy: ____________________
6. lettuce, cracker, pretzel: ____________________
7. unshaven face, gravel road, sandpaper: ____________________
8. race car, sprinter, jet: ____________________
9. snow, vanilla ice cream, teeth: ____________________
10. sea water, potato chip, pretzel: ____________________
11. wheelbarrow, lawn mower, baby carriage: ____________________
12. screaming, rock concert, playground: ____________________
13. sugar, chocolate bar, cake: ____________________
14. book, magazine, newspaper: ____________________
15. crystal glasses, windows, pencil points: ____________________
Complete the List

Complete the list with a similar item.

Example: concrete, hard candy, rock, steel

1. helicopter, kite, crow, steel
2. blood, radish, tomato, steel
3. barking dog, crying baby, police siren, steel
4. pin, thumbtack, nail, steel
5. sea water, ham, pretzels, steel
6. stove, iron, fire, steel
7. elephant, building, mountain, steel
8. marshmallow, baby’s skin, tissue, steel
9. sugar, pie, honey, steel
10. paper towel, mop, rag, steel
11. ice cream, snow, iced tea, steel
12. popcorn, balloon, bubble, steel
13. perfume, freshly-baked bread, after-shave, steel
14. grasshopper, frog, kangaroo, steel
15. taffy, tough meat, gumballs, steel
Fill In Letters for Things To Read ————————

Fill in the missing letters for these things we read. Each item has a clue to help you.

Example: a notice about something for sale: ad\textit{v}erti\textit{s} em\textit{n}t

1. has many pages that tell a story: b__ __ k
2. a weekly or monthly publication: ma __ a__ ine
3. information on a can, bottle, etc.: labe __
4. sent when on vacation: __ ostca __ d
5. written and mailed in an envelope: le__ te __
6. a long book about people and events: n__vel
7. instructions for how to do something: dire __ tio __ s
8. a message sent through the computer: e-m __ il
9. tells you how to cook something: re__ipe
10. gives you the meanings of words: dic __ ion __ ry
11. gives a discount on the price: co __ pon
12. gives daily news, sports info, etc.: ne __ spa __ er
13. these tell you how much you owe: bi __ ls
14. short for the word \textit{memorandum}: me __ o
15. a written reminder or a short letter: not __
**Listing Location Items**

List **five** things that can be found in each location.

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<th>Inexpensive things in a drugstore</th>
<th>Sweet things in a bakery</th>
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# Listing Location Items

List five things that can be found in each location.

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Listing Category Items

State _____ members in each category.

1. things that are cold
2. things that are soft
3. things that are sharp
4. things that are green
5. things that are smooth
6. things that sink
7. things that are sour
8. things that move slowly
9. things that are wet
10. things that burn
11. things that are small
12. things that are mixed
13. things that are spicy
14. things that are heavy
15. things that are tall
16. things that are round
17. things that lock
18. things that grow
19. things that fly
20. things that are pointed
21. things that are white
22. things that are frozen
23. things that smell good
24. things that are loud
25. things that are absorbent
26. things that are chewy
27. things that break
28. things that are colorful
29. things that are flat
30. things that pop
Listing Category Items

State _____ members in each category.

1. things that are hot
2. things that are hard
3. things that are inflated
4. things that are stuffed
5. things that are red
6. things that are rough
7. things that float
8. things that move fast
9. things that are dry
10. things that are turned on
11. things that are large
12. things that are ripped
13. things that are lightweight
14. things that are bright
15. things that are expensive
16. things that turn
17. things that open and close
18. things that have hair or fur
19. things that are renewed
20. things that are crisp
21. things are black
22. things that are noisy
23. things that smell bad
24. things that are damp
25. things that are spotted
26. things that are round
27. things that are sticky
28. things that are thrown
29. things that are salty
30. things that are sweet
Answer Key

The most likely answers are listed. Accept other logical, appropriate answers as correct.

page 6
Screening
1. breaks
2. desert
3. smells good–rose
   bright–spotlight
   hot–heater
   smooth–glass
4. tissue, sponge
5. kite, wasp, eagle, spaceship, airplane
6. paper
7. snow, socks
8. elephant, concrete block
9. peas, green beans, leaves, lettuce, weeds

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1. bends
2. short
3. burns
4. hoots
5. yellow
6. thrown
7. hard
8. sweet
9. slow
10. funny
11. small
12. round
13. smart
14. loud
15. wet

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1. long
2. inflated
3. jumps
4. old
5. yellow
6. thrown
7. hard
8. sweet
9. slow
10. funny
11. small
12. round
13. smart
14. loud
15. wet

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1. ice
2. river
3. knife
4. grass
5. license
6. eye blink
7. clothing
8. rainbow
9. ruler
10. glue
11. ape
12. whistle
13. cube
14. ant
15. steel

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1. lime
2. inch
3. baby
4. jet
5. milk
6. rabbit
7. batter
8. page
9. egg
10. pencil
11. glass
12. truck
13. dirt road
14. tomato
15. perfume

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1. helicopter, eagle
2. perfume, after-shave
3. skyscraper, redwood tree
4. whisper, mouse squeak
5. peacock, rainbow
6. balloon, volleyball
7. diamonds, fur coat
8. napkin, paper towel
9. licorice, coal
10. pencil point, nail
11. peanut butter, margarine
12. fire, sun
13. glue, chewing gum
14. manure, skunk
15. grain of sand, ant

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1. hot–sun
2. tied–knot
3. dark–night
4. fast–race car
5. peeled–banana
6. takes practice–playing the piano
7. crunchy–pretzel
8. pops–bubble
9. young–infant
10. packed-suitcase
11. flat–table
12. hit–tennis ball
13. colorful–peacock
14. wet–ocean waves
15. jumps–kangaroo

page 13
1. E fresh
2. J flexible
3. A sweet
4. G hurts
5. C fragile
6. K dirty
7. F tall
8. D pink
9. H expires
10. B pushed

page 14
1. G spicy
2. J absorbent
3. E frozen
4. A shallow
5. K smooth
6. F crisp
7. I sings
8. C black
9. H funny
10. B loud

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1. packed-suitcase
2. flat–table
3. hit–tennis ball
4. colorful–peacock
5. wet–ocean waves
6. jumps–kangaroo
7. packed-suitcase
8. flat–table
9. hit–tennis ball
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11. wet–ocean waves
12. jumps–kangaroo

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1. hair bow, knot
2. kangaroo, frog
3. dice, box
4. sugar, candy bar
5. paste, glue
6. car trunk, suitcase
7. newspaper, magazine
8. speeding, stealing
9. fur coat, cat
10. baby, puppy
11. license, subscription
12. comedian, clown
13. lemonade, dill pickle
14. stop sign, strawberries
15. siren, screaming

page 17
sweet: sugar, candy bar, cake, cookies, pie
little: ant, thumbtack, mouse, grain of sand, thimble
electricity: television, air conditioner, vacuum, microwave, coffee maker
burn: wood, paper, cardboard, logs, newspaper

page 18
loud: screech, yell, rock concert, siren, horn
inflated: air mattress, tire, basketball, raft, balloon
sharp: knife, saw, scissors, meat cleaver, sword
sticky: syrup, glue, molasses, honey, paste

page 19
fly: airplane, hawk, bee, kite, helicopter
break: glass, bones, window, pencil point, hearts
large: mansion, train, mountain, redwood tree, office building
baked: bread, cupcakes, pies, cookies, pizza
open/close: eye, book, door, mouth, window
peeled: apple, potato, banana, orange, carrot

page 20
wet: rain, dew, water, lake, dog’s tongue
jump: frog, rabbit, kangaroo, toad, cricket
fast: race car, greyhound, race horse, sprinter, jet plane
lightweight: feather, hair, piece of paper, twig, stamp
flat: shelf, floor, desk, table, book
turned on: lamp, radio, oven, TV, microwave

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steak knife, scissors, meat cleaver, nail, pencil, ice pick, razor, sword, pocketknife, thumbtack

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horse, frog, grasshopper, skydiver, kangaroo, rabbit, girl jumping in puddle, hurdler, cheerleader

page 23
2. blanket, baby
3. clay
4. fleece lining
5. pillows, comforter
6. kittens, puppies
7. mud
8. cotton balls, tissues
9. cat, lap
10. bread dough
11. jelly/fish, sand
12. marshmallows

page 24
2. seals, walruses
3. lifeguard
4. bass, trout
5. otters
6. dolphins, porpoises
7. boys, frogs, toads
8. sea horses
9. flounder
10. sting ray, turtle
11. whale
12. deep sea diver, fish

page 25
1. spaghetti
2. garlic
3. wallet
4. sleeping
5. water
6. ball
7. napkin
8. lemons
9. mouse
10. snow
11. comb
12. socks
13. gravel
14. butterfly
15. ice

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1. bird
2. cloud
3. foil
4. ball
5. volleyball
6. soap
7. elephant
8. dirt
9. computer
10. curtain
11. shark
12. flamingo
13. ice cream
14. pipes
15. water

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2. clear, breakable
3. straight
4. smells bad
5. reflects
6. wet
7. breakable
8. soft
9. opens/closes
10. black
11. expensive, soft
12. fast, loud
13. white, cold
14. green
15. absorbent
16. salty, crunchy

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2. cold, soft
3. soft, lightweight
4. tall
5. soft
6. crisp, salty
7. bright, breakable
8. hot
9. inflated, round
10. red, round
11. burns, hot
12. absorbent
13. small, white, gray
14. green, lightweight
15. hard, rectangular
16. breakable, clear

page 29
2. truck, train
3. knife
4. balloon, ball
5. perfume, popcorn
6. scream, shout, siren
7. peanut butter, pudding
8. knot
9. paper, pants
10. light, lamp
11. water
12. joke
13. mouse, mosquito
14. snow, socks
15. ball, bubble, button, balloon
16. ruler

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2. balloon, bubble
3. frog
4. dog
5. coat, cocoa
6. glass
7. mountain, mansion
8. bird, bee, beetle
9. fish, flounder
10. sponge
11. grass
12. ice, ice cream
13. pretzels, popcorn
14. mirror
15. ball
16. tomato

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1. cold
2. shiny
3. soft
4. sharp
5. inflated
6. yellow
7. smooth
8. sink
9. slow
10. burn
11. small
12. mixed
13. expensive
14. round
15. turn
16. sweet
17. read
18. breakable

page 33
1. airplane, bee, wasp, bird
2. stop sign, ketchup, apple
3. screaming, jet plane
4. screw, pencil
5. potato chips, popcorn
6. sun, heater
7. truck, redwood tree
8. pillow, cotton
9. cake, cookies, candy
10. sponge, towel
11. ice, sherbert
12. bubble wrap, tire, Rice Krispies
13. flowers, soap
14. rabbit, toad
15. gum, mozzarella

page 34
1. book
2. magazine
3. label
4. postcard
5. letter
6. novel
7. directions
8. e-mail
9. recipe

page 35
drugstore: magazines, cards, candy, gum, aspirin
bakery: cakes, cookies, pies, doughnuts, brownies
pet store: puppies, kittens, fish, hamsters, fish tank plants
circus: elephant, tent, lion cage, bleachers, merry-go-round

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restaurant: bread, lasagna, turkey, potatoes, cake
winter: coat, sweater, fire, blanket, hot drink
house: glasses, light bulb, window, jars, pencils
department store: jewelry, toys, pens, bottles, cups

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Answers will vary.