

This game is to help your child identify similarities and differences between word meanings. This is an important skill for vocabulary building.

To play this game you will need the category cards attached.



Cut out the cards and mix them up with the donkey card. Divide all the cards evenly among the players. The players do not show their cards to each other. The first player takes a card from the player on their right and tries to group it with one of their own cards based on similarities. If they can they can put the 'pair' down and play continues. The donkey card does not pair with anything so the player left with the 'donkey' card at the end is the loser.

The similarities can be based on category, use or feature,

e.g. the apple and the orange are both fruit (category)
the saw and the knife are used to cut (use)
the table and the elephant both have four legs (feature)

The cards can be grouped in many different ways. As long as a player can justify the pairing then he or she can put the pair down.

Variations

To make this game easier just use categories as the similarity.

To make this game harder ask the child to think of two other things that would go in each category.

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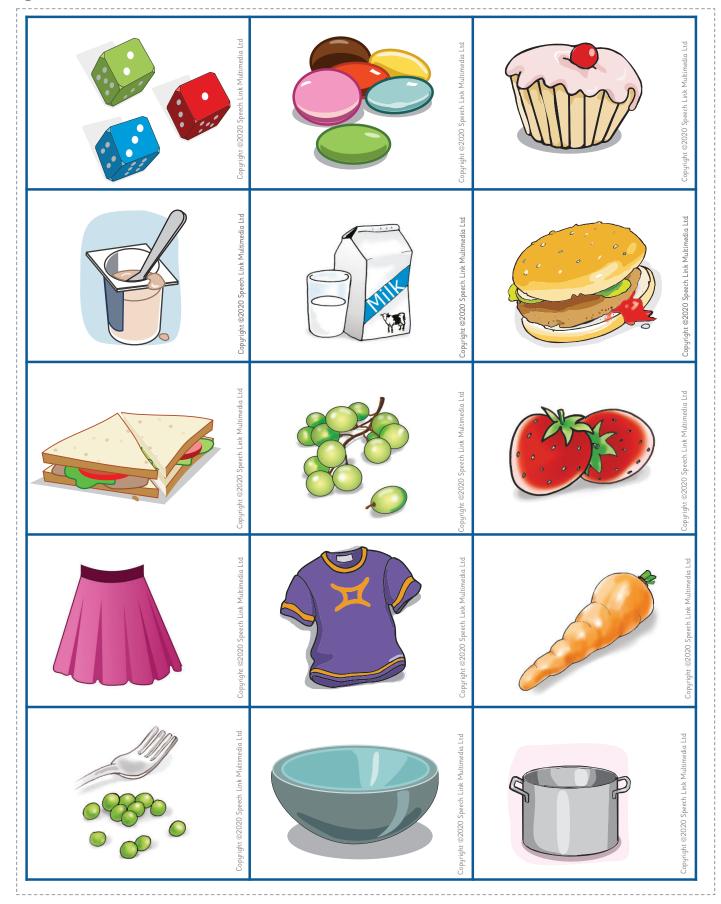




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