

Link It Up

Link ideas by adding information or showing a difference.

3W2.d "Use linking words and phrases to connect ideas within categories of information."

NAME _____

DATE _____

ADDS IDEAS

These linking words add another detail about the topic. Look for words such as also, and, or in addition.

The garden grows beans. It also grows carrots.

SHOWS A DIFFERENCE

These linking words show how two ideas are not alike. Look for words such as but, however, or while.

The bus is slow, but the train is fast.

1 SORT

8 items

For each item, circle ADDING or DIFFERENCE, then choose two items and explain which linking word helped you decide.

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| 1. The rabbit has soft fur. It also has long ears. | ☐ ADDING | ☐ DIFFERENCE |
| 2. Mia likes painting, but Jo likes singing. | ☐ ADDING | ☐ DIFFERENCE |
| 3. The lake is deep. However, the pond is shallow. | ☐ ADDING | ☐ DIFFERENCE |
| 4. Our class read a poem. In addition, we read a play. | ☐ ADDING | ☐ DIFFERENCE |
| 5. The kite rose high, and it spun in the wind. | ☐ ADDING | ☐ DIFFERENCE |
| 6. I wanted to ride my bike. However, it began to rain. | ☐ ADDING | ☐ DIFFERENCE |
| 7. The museum has dinosaur bones. Also, it has old coins. | ☐ ADDING | ☐ DIFFERENCE |
| 8. A turtle moves slowly, while a cheetah runs quickly. | ☐ ADDING | ☐ DIFFERENCE |

2

PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence or sentence pair that uses a linking word to add ideas. Then write one new sentence or sentence pair that uses a linking word to show a difference.

ADDING _____

DIFFERENCE _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-sentence fact section about one topic. Use one linking word that adds ideas and one linking word that shows a difference.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The rabbit has soft fur. It also has long ears.	ADDING	The word "also" adds another detail about the rabbit.
2	Mia likes painting, but Jo likes singing.	DIFFERENCE	The word "but" shows different likes.
3	The lake is deep. However, the pond is shallow.	DIFFERENCE	The word "however" shows an opposite difference.
4	Our class read a poem. In addition, we read a play.	ADDING	The phrase "in addition" adds another activity.
5	The kite rose high, and it spun in the wind.	ADDING	The word "and" adds another action by the kite.
6	I wanted to ride my bike. However, it began to rain.	DIFFERENCE	The word "however" shows that rain changed the plan.
7	The museum has dinosaur bones. Also, it has old coins.	ADDING	The word "also" adds another museum detail.
8	A turtle moves slowly, while a cheetah runs quickly.	DIFFERENCE	The word "while" compares different ways the animals move.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **ADDING:** The bakery sells muffins. It also sells bagels.
- **DIFFERENCE:** The cabin is small, but the hotel is large.

Challenge: Penguins have feathers. They also have wings, but they cannot fly through the air.

Accept another category choice only if the student correctly identifies the linking word and explains its job. In Part 3, students may use different appropriate linking words than the examples.