

Word Family Sort

Use word relationships to spot groups and single members.

6L5.b "Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category) to better understand each of the words."

NAME _____

DATE _____

GROUP WORD

A group word names a set of related things. It can include many members.

Furniture is a group word because it can include chairs, couches, and shelves.

MEMBER WORD

A member word names one thing in a group. It is one example of the group word.

A violin is one member of the instrument group.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle GROUP or MEMBER for each underlined word; for Part 2, choose two items and explain how the other words in each statement helped you decide.

1. Mammal: whales, bats, and raccoons are kinds of mammals.

GROUP

MEMBER

2. Continents: Africa, Asia, and South America are continents.

GROUP

MEMBER

3. A peach is a fruit.

GROUP

MEMBER

4. Languages: Arabic, Korean, and Swahili are languages.

GROUP

MEMBER

5. A hammer is a tool.

GROUP

MEMBER

6. An emerald is a gemstone.

GROUP

MEMBER

7. Reptile: a lizard and a turtle are reptiles.

GROUP

MEMBER

8. Metals: copper, iron, and aluminum are metals.

GROUP

MEMBER

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 example of a group word and one new example of a member word. Use a short sentence to show the relationship in each example.

GROUP _____

MEMBER _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-sentence clue for a classmate. Name a group word in the first sentence and a member word from that group in the second sentence. Do not use the words group, member, category, or kind.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	<u>Mammal</u> : whales, bats, and raccoons are kinds of mammals.	GROUP	Mammal names a broad class that includes whales, bats, and raccoons.
2	<u>Continents</u> : Africa, Asia, and South America are continents.	GROUP	Continents names a group that includes Africa, Asia, and South America.
3	A <u>peach</u> is a fruit.	MEMBER	Peach is one specific member of the fruit group.
4	<u>Languages</u> : Arabic, Korean, and Swahili are languages.	GROUP	Languages names a group that includes Arabic, Korean, and Swahili.
5	A <u>hammer</u> is a tool.	MEMBER	Hammer is one specific member of the tool group.
6	An <u>emerald</u> is a gemstone.	MEMBER	Emerald is one specific member of the gemstone group.
7	<u>Reptile</u> : a lizard and a turtle are reptiles.	GROUP	Reptile names a broad class that includes lizards and turtles.
8	<u>Metals</u> : copper, iron, and aluminum are metals.	GROUP	Metals names a group that includes copper, iron, and aluminum.

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)

- **GROUP**: Sports are a group word because soccer and tennis are sports.
- **MEMBER**: A daffodil is a member word because it is one flower.

Challenge: A biography tells about one real person's life. *Who Was Mae Jemison?* is a biography.

Sort answers are 1 GROUP, 2 GROUP, 3 MEMBER, 4 GROUP, 5 MEMBER, 6 MEMBER, 7 GROUP, 8 GROUP. For Part 2, students should identify the highlighted word as a broad class or one example and cite the related words in the statement.