## Associations

When you associate words, you think of a way the words go together. There are many ways to associate words. Some of the most common word associations are listed below.

| Ways to Associate Words | Example Words and Associations |
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| Category | bear, whale, dog - mammals <br> addition, subtraction, division — math operations |
| Use or Function | saw, knife, ax - sharp things that cut <br> cool, awesome, sweet, dude - slang words |
| Description | ball, orange, moon - round shape <br> pumpkin, orange, carrot - orange things |
| Parts | heel, sole, tongue - shoe parts <br> Florida, Texas, New York - states in the U.S. |
| Word Relationships | gentle, mild - synonyms <br> gentle, harsh - antonyms <br> ring, king, thing - rhyming words <br> there, their - homonyms <br> calm, active, explosive - degree of intensity <br> mousse, amateur, rendezvous - French words |
| Part of Speech | around, below, beside - prepositions <br> although, while, because - conjunctions |
| Topic | invite, cake, candles - birthday party |

Tell how each pair of words is associated. Use the chart above to help you.

1. vacant, unoccupied
2. lone, loan
3. tragic, magic
4. melt, freeze
5. candidate, vote
6. its, it's
7. jar, box
8. mine, yours
9. vein, artery
10. valley, gulch

## Word Web

Use this page to write words that are associated with a target word. Write the target word in the center oval. Then write associated words in the boxes. Think about how the words are associated with the target word. Then draw lines to link the words in the boxes that are associated with each other.


## Rhyming Words

Some words are associated because they rhyme with each other. Circle all the words in each row that rhyme with each other.

| 1. adjust | truth | trust | dust |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. analyze | advise | allow | surprise |
| 3. visit | assist | resist | twist |
| 4. national | creation | plantation | generation |
| 5. pleasure | treasure | measure | uncertain |
| 6. prey | sleigh | sly | weigh |
| 7. provide | rawhide | aisle | reside |
| 8. boulder | bolder | shoulder | older |
| 9. adore | born | core | floor |
| 10. restrict | tricked | hitch | predict |
| 11. support | import | transfer | report |
| 12. renew | known | through | blew |
| 13. succeed | unless | distress | success |
| 14. combine | refine | adjoin | design |

## Associations Tic-Tac-Toe (1)

Play this tic-tac-toe game with a partner. To earn your square, name something that could be associated with the word in the square. Explain how the two words are associated. For example, if the word is team, you could give this answer:

Committee is associated with team because both of them are a group of people working together.

The first player to earn three squares in a row (horizontal, vertical or diagonal) wins.

| brain | cloud | jury |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| voyage | orbit | shark |
| energy | novel | athlete |

