# Word Classification Lists

(often called Categories)

Word classification lists can be fun, and they can be functional as well. They will stretch your vocabulary, stimulate your curiosity, and send you searching through the dictionary. Begin simply with a couple of short "puzzles" then proceed to the full alphabet list on the back. Try to finish in a week or two. Feel free to work together in spare moments.

Directions: Fill in as many of the blanks as possible following the letters on the left and the column headings. Note that the word already entered in the first blank is sapphire—which names a color. You can "jump around" the puzzle as you think of possibilities.

| | colors | animals | living quarters | articles of clothing | flowers |
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| S | sapphire | | | | |
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| | makes of cars | poets | musicians | verbs that describe foot movements | men's names |
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| E | | Emily Dickinson | | | |

Now here is a grid for you to play with. Make up a word classification puzzle that will challenge our minds. Use a theme if you wish. Try it out before you give it to the rest of us so you know that it's possible. Have fun. NB: You do not have to use all the spaces unless needed.

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| | colors | animals | flowers | birds | groups | clothing | household furnishings | living quarters | containers for liquids | vehicles |
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