

Activators: Classroom Strategies for Engaging Middle and High School Students

Content Area Grouping Card Samples

We have provided several examples of content area grouping cards, as follows:

- Science: Chemistry: (Chemical Symbols and Element Names) – for pairs
- Social Studies: Geography (Continent Map Match) – for pairs or trios
- English Language Arts (Literary Terminology) – for trios
- World Languages: Spanish (Thematic Vocabulary) – for pairs

Cut up and distribute cards and ask participants to find a partner who has the match for their word or object. Please note that the words or images directly across from each other are the match.

We invite you to copy and use these with your students, and we encourage you to develop and use your own content area card sorts to fit your teaching needs.

Credits:

Definitions from the ELA Literary Terminology trio cards adapted from <http://www.buzzle.com/articles/figures-of-speech-examples.html>. ELA Literary Terminology trio card examples from <http://www.grammar.about.com>.

For more information about this material and the book which it supports, *Activators: Classroom Strategies for Engaging Middle and High School Students*, please visit <http://www.engagingschools.org/activators>.

Content Area Grouping Cards: Science: Chemistry (Chemical Symbols and Element Names)

Suggested Directions: Find a partner who has the chemical symbol or element name that matches your card.

Ag

Silver

Au

Gold

B

Boron

Br

Bromine

Cl

Chlorine

F

Fluorine

H

Hydrogen

Ir

Iridium

Li

Lithium

Na

Sodium

Ni

Nickel

N

Nitrogen

O

Oxygen

Ra

Radium

S

Sulfur

Ti

Titanium

U

Uranium

Zn

Zinc

Pt

Platinum

P

Phosphorus

Content Area Grouping Cards: Social Studies: Geography (Continent Map Match)

Suggested Directions: Cut the maps into 2-3 pieces. Ask students to find each other to complete the continent.

AFRICA



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ASIA



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EUROPE



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MIDDLE EAST



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NORTH AMERICA



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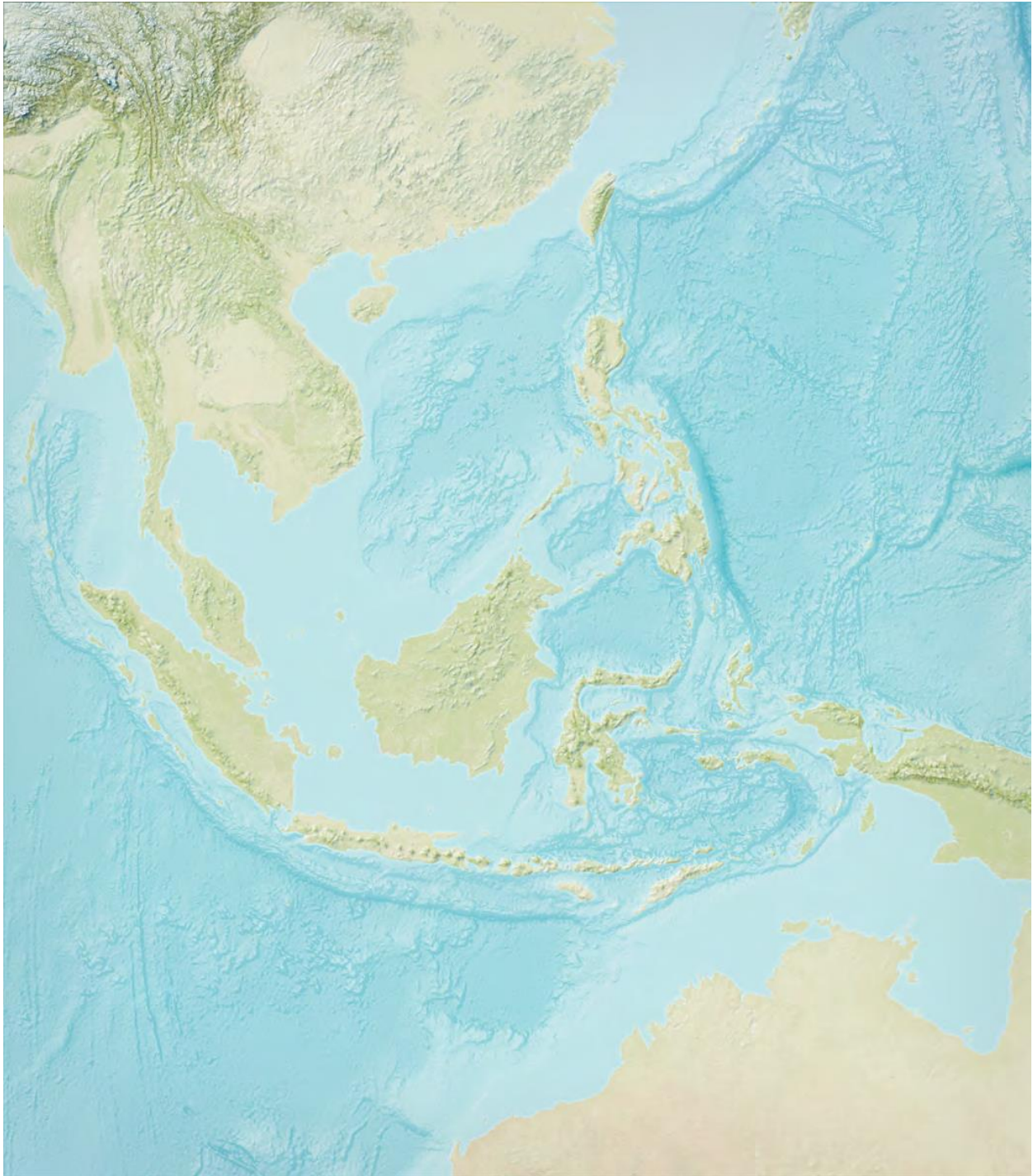
OCEANIA



SOUTH AMERICA



SOUTHEAST ASIA



Content Area Grouping Cards: English Language Arts (Literary Terminology)

Suggested directions: Form trios by finding classmates who have the figure of speech, definition, or example that match your card.

Simile	“Life is like an onion: You peel it off one layer at a time, and sometimes you weep.”- Carl Sandburg	A comparison between two unrelated things usually with “like” or “as.”
Metaphor	“All the world’s a stage.” - William Shakespeare, <i>As You Like It</i>	A comparison showing how two unrelated are similar in an important way.

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<p>Alliteration</p>	<p>"Doubting, dreaming dreams no mortals ever dared to dream before." – Edgar Allan Poe, <i>The Raven</i></p>	<p>The repetition of an initial consonant sound in a sentence.</p>
<p>Antithesis</p>	<p>"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." - Martin Luther King, Jr., speech in St. Louis, 1964</p>	<p>An opposition or contradiction between two concepts in a statement.</p>

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<p>Euphemism</p>	<p><i>Dan Foreman:</i> Guys, I feel very terrible about what I'm about to say. But I'm afraid you're both being let go. <i>Lou:</i> Let go? What does that mean? <i>Dan Foreman:</i> It means you're being fired, Louie. <i>Paul Weitz - In Good Company</i></p>	<p>The use of neutral language to communicate something that may be offensive to the listener.</p>
<p>Oxymoron</p>	<p>Alone together</p>	<p>Uses a contradictory adjective to define an object, situation or event.</p>

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<p>Paradox</p>	<p>War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength. - George Orwell, <i>1984</i></p>	<p>A contradictory statement that may appear false, but might in fact be true.</p>
<p>Onomatopoeia</p>	<p><i>"Brrrrrrriiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiinng!</i> An alarm clock clanged in the dark and silent room." - Richard Wright, <i>Native Son</i></p>	<p>Words imitate the sounds made by certain objects or actions.</p>

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<p>Personification</p>	<p>“Lying on a ring of onion, a tomato slice exposed its seedy smile . . .” - Toni Morrison, <i>Love: A Novel</i></p>	<p>Bringing to life an inanimate object, trait or action by comparing it with a human quality.</p>
<p>Pun</p>	<p>I bet the butcher the other day that he couldn’t reach the meat that was on the top shelf. He refused to take the bet, saying that the steaks were too high.</p>	<p>The use of a word or words that either have multiple meanings or sound like other words, for a humorous effect.</p>

<p>Hyperbole</p>	<p>"I was helpless. I did not know what in the world to do. I was quaking from head to foot, and could have hung my hat on my eyes, they stuck out so far." - Mark Twain, <i>Old Times on the Mississippi</i></p>	<p>This is a figure of speech used for the purpose of exaggeration.</p>
<p>Anaphora</p>	<p>For us, they packed up their few worldly possessions and travelled across oceans in search of a new life. For us, they toiled in sweatshops and settled the West; endured the lash of the whip and plowed the hard earth. For us, they fought and died, in places like Concord and Gettysburg; Normandy and Khe Sahn. - Barack Obama, Inaugural Address, January 20, 2009</p>	<p>The repetition of one particular word purposely, at the start of consecutive sentences or paragraphs in order to emphasize a point.</p>

Content Area Grouping Cards: Social Studies: Geography: (Map Match-ups)

Suggested Directions: Find the partner who has the Spanish word or picture that matches your card.

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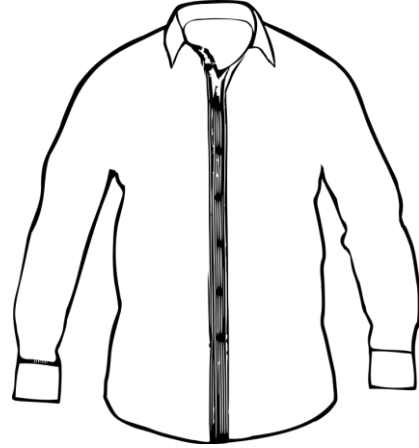
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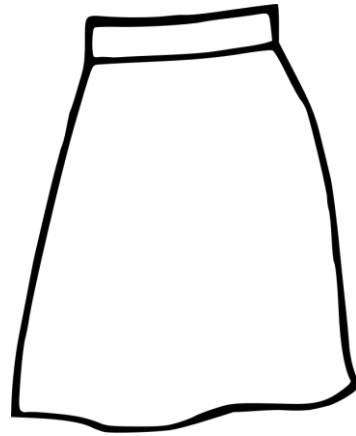
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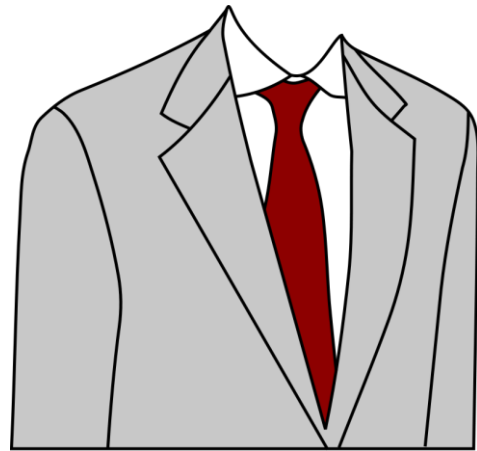
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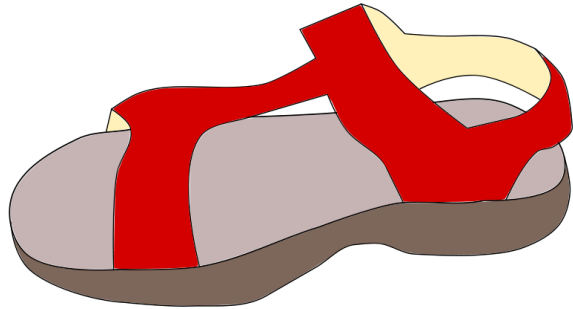
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