

# Sorting Words – Senior School



We can learn a lot from sorting words.

Sorting makes us look at the spelling patterns and think about meanings.

Sometimes your teacher may provide you with a list of words to sort, sometimes you might be asked to use your reader or library book to find words.

When your teacher gives you a list of words to sort you may be asked to OPEN SORT them. That means you can make your own groups, as long as you can explain to someone why you grouped them in this way.

Sometimes you may be asked to sort them in a particular way. This is a CLOSED SORT.

There may be words left over when you sort. Group these together.

## Your teacher may ask you to find:

1. Words with the same start

*flat, flag, flash*

2. Words that end the same

*going, coming, morning*

3. Words that rhyme

*thought, caught, fort*

4. Words that are long

*unfortunately*

5. Words that are short

*air*

6. Words with particular vowel clusters:

*ai – train, brain*      *ee – been, green*

7. Words with same number of syllables

*sixteen, second, early – all have 2 syllables*

*favourite, important, medicine – all have 3 syllables*

## 8. Compound words

*grandmother, dishwasher, doormat*

## 9. Sort words into alphabetical order

*colour, equal, instead, popular..*

## 10. Create word families based on other similarities e.g. find all the months

*December, March, May...*

## SORT WORDS ACCORDING TO PARTS OF SPEECH:

### 11. Words that are nouns

*business, holidays, problem*

### 12. Words that are proper nouns

*September, Monday, July*

### 13. Words that are verbs

*follow, breathe, consider*

### 14. Words that can be nouns and verbs:

*exercise, divide, promise*

### 15. Words that are adjectives

*easy, popular, beautiful*

### 16. Words that are adverbs

*occasionally, probably, early*

## SORT WORDS ACCORDING TO AFFIXES OR STEM:

### 17. Words with suffixes

*pulled, hopped, disappeared*

### 18. Words with prefixes:

*disappear, return, unhelpful*

### 19. Words with the same stem

*graph, photograph, graphic*

## SORT WORDS ACCORDING TO THEIR ETYMOLOGY:

20. Words with a Latin origin

*plural, herbivore, aquifer*

21. Words with a Greek origin

*Symphony, psychology, graphic*