

# Word Retrieval Strategies

## Describe It

- Describe the word. Tell what it looks like and how it is used. Provide as many details as possible.

## Compare & Contrast

- "It's like a..., but..."

## Use Associated Words

- Say any words that come to mind when searching for the word.

## Use a Substitute

- Use a word with a similar meaning.

## Use Your Hands

- Imitate actions, point, or indicate size and shape.

## Draw It

- Keep a notebook handy and draw the word or related objects.

## Use the Alphabet

- Go through each letter in your mind. Often a letter will "ring a bell" as being the first letter, making it easier to access.

## Take A Break

- Fatigue, distractions, and stress can all impact word retrieval. Take a break and the word may come to you later.

## Associated Fill-ins

Add vowels to complete words associated with:

### CAMPING

1. b\_\_ck p\_\_ck
2. t\_\_nt
3. st\_\_rs
4. f\_\_r\_\_w\_\_d
5. r\_\_ng\_\_r
6. c\_\_mp s\_\_t\_\_
7. l\_\_nt\_\_rn
8. c\_\_mp\_\_ss
9. sl\_\_p\_\_ng b\_\_g
10. s'm\_\_r\_\_s
11. b\_\_n\_\_c\_\_l\_\_rs
12. c\_\_b\_\_n
13. h\_\_m m\_\_ck
14. b\_\_nf\_\_r\_\_

## Words That Follow

Think of a word or phrase that might follow the given word.

- Ex: pony      tail      Express
- hot      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_
  - shopping      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_
  - sweet      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_
  - book      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_
  - dish      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_
  - good      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_
  - tea      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_
  - chicken      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_
  - sea      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_
  - mail      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_
  - tooth      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_
  - rain      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_
  - vanilla      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_
  - beach      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

## Categories by Letter

Think of an item in each category that starts with the given letter.

**P**

Dog Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Bird \_\_\_\_\_

Tree \_\_\_\_\_

Gemstone \_\_\_\_\_

Musical Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Card Game \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast Food \_\_\_\_\_

Nut \_\_\_\_\_

Spice \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Pie \_\_\_\_\_

**R**

State \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Bird \_\_\_\_\_

Tree \_\_\_\_\_

Flower \_\_\_\_\_

Gemstone \_\_\_\_\_

Card Game \_\_\_\_\_

Fruit \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetable \_\_\_\_\_

Beverage \_\_\_\_\_

# Begins With

## B

1. an eye movement \_\_\_\_\_
2. a sweeping tool \_\_\_\_\_
3. wrist jewelry \_\_\_\_\_
4. an unmarried man \_\_\_\_\_
5. having an unsweet taste \_\_\_\_\_
6. a drinkable liquid \_\_\_\_\_
7. to burp loudly \_\_\_\_\_
8. able to speak two languages \_\_\_\_\_
9. a large bundle of hay \_\_\_\_\_
10. a person with brown hair \_\_\_\_\_
11. a witch's liquid concoction \_\_\_\_\_
12. the card used to cast a vote \_\_\_\_\_
13. a throwing object that returns \_\_\_\_\_
14. to stand on one foot \_\_\_\_\_

## Famous Names

Write a specific name for each item.

1. actor \_\_\_\_\_
2. band \_\_\_\_\_
3. singer \_\_\_\_\_
4. comedian \_\_\_\_\_
5. talk show host \_\_\_\_\_
6. game show host \_\_\_\_\_
7. TV judge \_\_\_\_\_
8. reality star \_\_\_\_\_
9. supermodel \_\_\_\_\_
10. fashion designer \_\_\_\_\_
11. chef \_\_\_\_\_
12. magician \_\_\_\_\_