

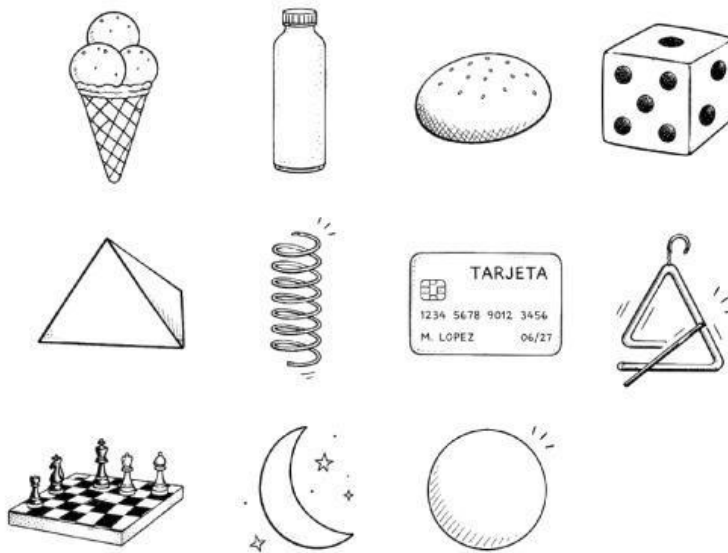


Shape and size



1. **SHAPE:** Match the words below with the picture that best represents each word.

1. a pyramid 2. a cube 3. a crescent 4. a spiral 5. a cone 6. a rectangle
7. a triangle 8. a circle 9. a square 10. a cylinder 11. an oval



2. Look at the following list of words and decide what the correct adjective form is, A, B or C.

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|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. sphere | A. spherous | B. spherical | C. spherocous |
| 2. cube | A. cubed | B. cubous | C. cubal |
| 3. cone | A. conacular | B. conous | C. conical |
| 4. rectangle | A. rectanglous | B. rectanglis | C. rectangular |
| 5. triangle | A. triangular | B. trianglous | C. triangled |
| 6. circle | A. circled | B. cirulous | C. circular |
| 7. square | A. square | B. squaret | C. squarous |
| 8. cylinder | A. cylindrous | B. cylindal | C. cylindrical |

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3. **SIZE:** Look at the following list of words and decide whether they can be used to describe something which is big or something which is small. Write each word in its appropriate box.

minute •	enormous •	minuscule •	mammoth •	huge
gigantic •	tiny •	monumental •	colossal •	massive
giant •	titchy •	gargantuan •	teeny (or teeny-weeny)	

1. BIG	2. small

4. **FEATURES:** Match the descriptions on the left with the objects, geographical features, etc, on the right.

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| 1. a sharp edge with jagged teeth | A. a country road in very poor condition |
| 2. steep, with a pointed peak | B. somebody's hair |
| 3. rolling, with undulating wheat | C. a very old tree |
| 4. curved, with a smooth surface | D. a knife |
| 5. flat, with dotted lines | E. a slow-moving river |
| 6. wavy, with blonde highlights | F. a mountain |
| 7. meandering, with a calm surface | G. a banana |
| 8. winding and bumpy, with deep potholes | H. agricultural countryside |
| 9. hollow, with rough bark | I. an application form |



Geography



1. **Places and features:** Match the words on the left with an example on the right. There are some words on the left that do not match with any on the right. Use your dictionary to check what these mean.

state • city • waterfall county • canal • range • valley province • ocean • mountain harbour • island • river capital (city) • village • country continent • desert • stream	the Atlantic • Ankara • Munich the Sahara • Niagara • Everest Mexico • Bali • the Suez • Asia the Himalayas • the Nile • Ohio
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2. **Town and country:** Complete the text with words from the box.

safer • amenities • peaceful • nature • pollution • commuters • jams crowded • suburbs • fresh • rush hour • countryside • rural • stressful fields • public • nightlife • urban • cosmopolitan

I've always preferred an _____ lifestyle to a _____ lifestyle. I'd much rather live in a city than in the _____ because there's so much more to do. The _____ is great - lots of bars, restaurants and nightclubs – and there are lots of _____ such as sports centres, swimming pools, museums and so on. What I particularly like is the fact that my home city is so _____; there are people there from all over the world.

Of course, with so many people everywhere it can get very _____, especially during the _____ (in my city, this is between 7 and 9 in the morning, and between 4 and 6 in the evening). At those times, the trains and buses are packed with _____ coming to the city to work, and then going back to the _____ around the city where many of them live. Those who don't use _____ transport drive to the city in their own cars; this causes terrible traffic _____ on the roads, and of course lots of _____, which makes the air dirty and unpleasant. It can get quite _____ at times.

Consequently, it is good to get away from the city now and then, and get back to _____; lots of lovely _____ air, green _____ and _____ villages where the only noise is the sound of birds and sheep. It's also much _____; there's less crime and the roads aren't as dangerous.



Nature and the environment



1. **THE ENVIRONMENT:** Complete the following sentences with a word or expression from the box. There are some that you do not need.

CFC • unleaded petrol • endangered • tidal energy • ozone layer
natural resources • desertification • fumes • greenhouse effect
pollution • acid rain • extinct • global warming • fossil fuels • rainforest
solar power • wildlife • recycle • bottle bank • ecological

1. _____ falling on forests has killed a lot of trees in the last 20 years.
2. The council is encouraging us to _____ more household rubbish.
3. Factories and vehicles produce a lot of dangerous _____.
4. _____ of the atmosphere has increased over the last 50 years, making the environment very dirty.
5. The effect of gases in the earth's atmosphere is preventing the earth from losing heat; this is called the _____.
6. When _____ gases are released into the atmosphere, they rise slowly.
7. The hole in the _____ is getting larger every year.
8. If _____ continues, there is a danger that the polar ice-cap will start to melt.
9. We take all our empty bottles to the _____ so that the glass can be used again.
10. Long periods of drought have brought about the _____ of whole areas of central Africa.
11. Tigers, whales and panda bears are all _____ species.
12. People are worried that soon whales will become _____.
13. We should use fewer _____ such as oil and coal, and look to other energy sources such as _____ and _____.

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2. CLASSIFICATIONS: Put the words below into their appropriate box depending on their classification. There are eight words for each box.

cactus • fir • rose • salmon • bee • swan • seaweed • squid • owl • peacock • marigold • ladybird • palm • human • lily • shark • parrot • squirrel • crab • seagull • bamboo • lobster • tulip • orchid • trout • butterfly • crow • wasp • bat • snail • cedar • hedgehog • leopard • daffodil • eagle • octopus • deer • dolphin • whale • oak • penguin • oyster • mushroom • beetle • worm • ant • poppy • daisy

1. Mammals	2. Birds
3. Insects and invertebrates	4. Flowers
5. Trees and other plants	6. Sea and river creatures

3. IDIOMS, COLLOQUIALISMS AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS: In the grid at the bottom of the page you will find the names of several animals. Use these to complete sentences 1 - 12. The first letter of each animal has been given to you after each sentence. (One animal is mentioned twice.)

1. A _____ in the hand is worth two in the bush. (b)
2. How do I know? A little _____ told me! (b)
3. He seems inoffensive, but actually he's a _____ in sheep's clothing (w)
4. He walked to school at a _____'s pace. (s)
5. She was so nervous before the exam she had _____ in her stomach. (b)
6. Don't count your _____ before they're hatched! (c)
7. I can't get her to agree; she's as stubborn as a _____. (m)
8. The new airport is a complete white _____. (e)
9. Don't puzzle me; I hate it when you try to _____ me. (f)
10. Our company is having some serious financial problems. We're a lame _____ at the moment. (d)
11. It's been a long time since he came here. We haven't seen him for _____'s years! (d)
12. It was a difficult problem, but he decided to take the _____ by the horns and tell his father he was leaving the family firm. (b)

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A	K	C	P	A	M	C	L	R	G	B	Y
K	E	C	H	I	C	K	E	N	S	I	T
F	Y	F	A	L	X	E	Q	J	L	R	F
B	V	C	N	X	Z	W	B	I	R	D	K
B	U	T	T	E	R	F	L	I	E	S	E



The weather & natural phenomena



1. **BAD WEATHER:** Use your dictionary to check the meanings of the nouns and adjectives in bold in the text, then use the words in the box to complete the text.

mist • frost • sleet • rain • hail • wind • fog
smog • snow • blizzard • lightning • thunder

Listen to the pouring (1) _____ outside, and the roar of the (2) _____ as it blows through the trees. Listen to the clatter of icy (3) _____ on the window and the crashing of the (4) _____, while (5) _____ flashes across the sky. See the thick, grey (6) _____ and the thin, grey, wet (7) _____. Smell the dirty, bitter, yellow-grey (8) _____ in the city. Feel the crunch of (9) _____ under your feet as you walk on the icy grass, and shake the freezing, wet (10) _____ and (11) _____ from your hair as the howling (12) _____ turns the world to white.

2. **EXTREME WEATHER AND NATURAL PHENOMENA:** Look at the words below and decide which definition, A, B or C, best describes each one. Then check your answers in your dictionary.

1. hurricane
(A) a storm over high mountains, usually accompanied by snow.
(B) a tropical storm with strong winds and rain.
(C) a very quick, but very heavy, rain shower.

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2. tornado

- (A) a long, heavy snow shower, accompanied by strong winds.
- (B) a long period when there is no rain and when the land is dry.
- (C) a violent storm with a whirlwind.

3. volcano

- (A) a violent shaking of the earth's surface.
- (B) a strong wind caused by a drop in air pressure.
- (C) a mountain with a hole in the top through which lava, ash and gas can come out.

4. drought

- (A) a storm, usually without rain, which happens in hot countries.
- (B) a very long period of rain.
- (C) a long period when there is no rain and when the land is dry.

5. flood

- (A) a large amount of water over land which is usually dry.
- (B) a large area of dry land which should usually be wet (e.g., a dry lake).
- (C) a lake or river which has been poisoned by pollution.

6. earthquake

- (A) a long, heavy snow shower, accompanied by strong winds.
- (B) a shaking of the earth caused by, for example, volcanic activity.
- (C) a large area of dry land which should usually be wet.

7. tsunami

- (A) a tropical storm with strong winds and rain.
- (B) a huge wave in the sea, caused by an underwater earthquake.
- (C) a long period when there is no rain and when the land is dry.

3. WEATHER WORD FORMS: Complete the table below to show the verbs and adjectives which we use for the nouns in the left-hand column.

	NOUN	VERB	ADJECTIVE
rain			
sun			
storm			
snow			
wind			

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4. IDIOMS, COLLOQUIALISMS AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS: Replace the words and expressions in bold with a suitable word or expression from the box.

under a cloud • bucketing down • weather • boiling • steals my thunder
every cloud has a silver lining • on cloud nine • storm in a teacup
under the weather • cats and dogs • downpour • heavy weather of it

1. It's raining **a lot**.
2. It's **pouring with rain**.
3. It's **very hot** in our office at the moment.
4. We could ask him to sort out the invoices, but he'll make it **unnecessarily difficult and complicated**.
5. Jan's feeling **unwell**.
6. There was a sudden **heavy fall of rain** and all the spectators ran inside.
7. I don't know if we can **survive** this crisis without any extra cash (→ cash, def 1).
8. However gloomy things may seem, **there is always some aspect which is good**.
9. They were **very happy** when they won the lottery.
10. Ben was **under suspicion** for a long time after the thefts were discovered.
11. Whenever I have a great idea, Penny **spoils it by doing it first and getting all the credit**.
12. Sarah thought it was important, but in fact it was **a lot of fuss about something which was very trivial**.

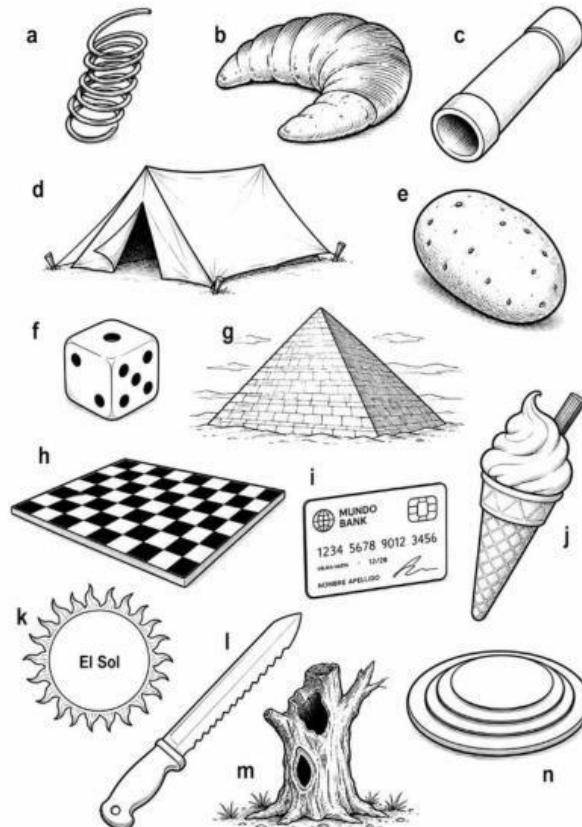


Shapes and features



1. Look at the following descriptions and choose an object from the pictures that best suits each description, using the words in bold to help you. There is an example at the beginning (0).

0. A **pyramid** with **steep** sides. F
1. A **crescent** with a **rough** surface. _____
2. A **flat rectangle** with words and numbers on one side. _____
3. A **long, thin rectangle** made of metal, with a **jagged** edge and a **sharp** end. _____
4. A small edible **cone** with a **rough** surface. _____
5. A solid plastic or wooden **cube** with **dots on** each side. _____
6. A **square** with a **flat, chequered** surface. _____
7. An edible **oval**, with a **smooth** surface. _____
8. A **spiral** made of metal with **pointed** ends. _____
9. A plastic **circle** with a **rough** top. _____
10. A large **sphere** made of gas. _____
11. A **hard hollow cylinder** with open ends. _____
12. A **triangle** at both ends, with **soft** nylon sides. _____
13. An **irregular-shaped hollow** object with **knobbly** sides. _____



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Animals and plants



1. Look at this list of animals and plants, and put them into the table below, depending on their category. Some of them may belong in more than one category. There is an example for each category.

orchid • oak • cockroach • tortoise • horse • penguin • orangutan • snake • palm • duck • tulip • cow • rabbit • eagle • bee • sheep • butterfly • goat • cactus • crocodile • hamster • rose • rhinoceros • whale • shark • trout • puppy • lizard • pigeon • ant • kitten • white • mouse • pig • bamboo • lobster • parrot • dolphin • daffodil • tiger • panda • alligator • octopus
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1. Pets/Domestic Animals	
2. Farm Animals	
3. Birds	
4. Endangered Species	
5. Reptiles	
6. Insects and Invertebrates	
7. Fish and Other Water Creatures	
8. Flowers	
9. Trees and Other Plants	

2. Look at these descriptions of various animals and plants, and decide what is being talked about (all the answers are on the previous page). Use a dictionary to check the meanings of the words in bold, as these will help you to decide what is being described. There is an example at the beginning (0).
0. Children love them because they are quite **cuddly** and have big **floppy** ears. I love them because they're delicious baked in a pie. rabbit
1. They live in the Southern Hemisphere. They can't **fly**, but they can **swim** very quickly and catch fish with their **beaks**. They live in **colonies** of several thousand. _____

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2. This is a member of the **big-cat** family and comes from Asia. They have very sharp **claws** and **fangs**, which they use to kill and eat other animals. _____
3. This is a **mammal**, although some people think it's a variety of fish. Some of them can grow up to 30 metres in length. _____
4. You find these on tropical beaches. They look beautiful, gently **swaying** in the wind and providing sunbathers with welcome shade. Watch out for falling **coconuts**! _____
5. He's very **cute**, but he tends to make everything in the house dirty with his muddy **paws**! Also, he never seems to stop **barking**. He's very demanding, and I have to take him for a walk at least twice a day. _____
6. My boyfriend bought me twelve red ones on my birthday. They're beautiful and have a pleasant **bouquet**. Watch out for the **thorns** on the **stem**—they're very sharp. And don't touch the petals—they break off really easily. _____
7. She was sitting in front of the fire, cleaning her **whiskers** and **purring** loudly, but when she saw the dog, she started **hissing** and **spitting**. _____
8. They have large, spreading **branches**, deep **roots** and small, irregular-shaped **leaves**. They can live to a very great age. _____
9. People think they're **slimy**, but actually they're very dry to the touch. Some of them can be really **poisonous**, but they'll only **bite** you if you frighten them. _____
10. They have a hard **shell**, which they hide in when they're frightened. They can't walk very quickly. Apparently, they can live to a very great age. _____
11. You must look after these animals a lot: make sure you clean their **hooves** regularly, and if you go riding, check that their shoes are in good condition. They love having their **mane** brushed. _____
12. They're delicious to eat, but you need to remove the **scales** and **gills** before you cook them. _____
13. With their large, colourful **wings**, these insects are beautiful. In the summer, my garden is full of them, **fluttering** around the flowers. _____
14. They're really useful animals. Not only can we eat their meat, we can also use their **wool** to make clothes. There are hundreds in a field near my house, and you can hear them **bleating** all the time. _____
15. With a loud **quacking** noise, they landed in the water and started **diving** for fish. _____
16. Thanks for offering to look after it for me while I'll be away. Don't give it too much water—remember that it prefers dry **soil**—and whatever you do, don't touch the **spikes**; they're very sharp! _____
17. They're very **rare**. People try to **breed** them **in captivity**, but without much success. They may become **extinct** soon. _____