

Reverse Categories

In category games, players get categories and a set of letters. For each category, they think of a word that starts with those letters. So the category “Colors” and the letter *R* could lead to *red*.

In these puzzles, you will do the opposite. We give you the letters and words—but you have to think of the categories that the words belong to. For example, suppose you see *tree* and *flower*. You know that they are kinds of plants. Now you look for more words that fit the same category, such as *bush*. Some words may fit in more than one category, but each word is used only once.

Most people will find Puzzle C the most difficult. (Hint: You might think about grammar. ...)

Puzzle A. Think of four categories and complete the chart with these words:

camel *Spain* *grapes* *snake* *tomatoes* *sandwich* *turtle* *China*
golf *cricket* *tennis* *Greece* *soccer* *Turkey* *giraffe* *cookies*

First Letter	Category:	Category:	Category:	Category:
C				
G				
S				
T				

Puzzle B. Think of four categories and complete the chart with these words:

belt *hiking* *jet* *bird* *huge* *hat* *jacket* *supersized*
skiing *jumbo* *shirt* *jogging* *Superman* *big* *biking* *helicopter*

First Letter	Category:	Category:	Category:	Category:
B				
H				
J				
S				

Puzzle C. Think of five categories and complete the chart with these words:

toy *for* *wet* *fly* *true* *after* *water* *friend* *to* *window*
with *free* *try* *ask* *walk* *apple* *air* *traffic* *active* *furniture*

First Letter	Category:	Category:	Category:	Category:	Category:
A					
F					
T					
W					

Answers to *THE LIGHTER SIDE*

REVERSE CATEGORIES

(Note: In each puzzle, categories can appear in any order.)

W	W	walk	wet	with	window	water
T	T	try	true	to	toy	traffic
F	F	fly	free	for	friend	furniture
A	A	ask	active	after	apple	air
		Verbs	Adjectives	Prepositions	Countable Nouns	Uncountable Nouns

Puzzle C.

S	S	shirt	skiing	Superman	super-sized
J	J	jacket	jogging	jet	jumbo
H	H	hat	hiking	helicopter	huge
B	B	belt	biking	bird	big
		Things We Can Wear	Outdoor Activities	Things That Fly	Synonyms (for large)

Puzzle B.

T	T	Turkey	tennis	turtle	tomatoes
S	S	Spain	soccer	snake	sandwich
G	G	Greece	golf	giraffe	grapes
C	C	China	cricket	camel	cookies
		Countries	Sports	Animals	Kinds of Food

Puzzle A.