

## Dictionary Building Categories

1. Aboriginal Tribes: Potawatomi, Iroquois, Cherokee, Chemainus, Piikani,
2. Aircraft: airlines, astronauts, spacecraft: Piper, Cormorant, cosmonaut,
3. Alcohol & Wine: Coors, Pinot Noir, Cabernet
4. Anatomy, parts of the body: goatee, coccyx, Rhesus, ischium, anvil, pinna, bicuspid, medulla,
5. Animals (breeds, classes): marsupial, crustacean, carnivore, amphibian, arachnid, mollusk, heifer, porcine, vixen, Holstein, Brahman, Ayrshire, Hereford, chamois, Appaloosa, Clydesdale, Lippizaner, Percheron, Shetland, guinea pig, gerbil, porcupine, chinchilla, cockatoo, kookaburra, macaw, albatross, osprey, pelican flamingo, vulture, Komodo dragon, python, cobra, albacore tuna, salmon, guppy, tetra, halibut, arachnid, crustacean, gaggle, marsupial, platypus, wombat,
6. All major U.S. cities, Canadian cities, and smaller ones
7. All the countries in the world and their capitals and other major cities (Sri Lanka, Bora-Bora,
8. All the provinces and their capitals
9. All the states and their capitals
10. Arts:
  1. Dance: troupe, repertoire, hula, pirouette, meringue, demi-lie, minuet, schottische, jete, do-si-do, discotheque, sashay, pointe, chaine,
  2. theatre: slo-mo, cinematic, sitcom, harlequin, busker, matinee, callback, amphitheatre, fringe, burlesque, improv, minstrel, skit, vaudeville, arabesque,
  3. music (see separate category): Michelangelo, Mozart, Beethoven, Kumbaya, tambourine, mariachi, kazoo, cymbals, digiridoo, ukulele, harpsichord, accordion,
11. Band names: Outkast, K-OS, Jay-Z, Will.i.am
12. Brand names: Krispy Kreme, Froot Loops, Play-doh, Aquafina, Zamboni, Oneida, K'Nex, Rubik's Cube, Rice Krispies,
13. Cabinet Members, MPs, MLAs (each province)
14. Canadian/British spellings vs American spellings (see additional handout)
15. Chemicals: argon, roentgen
16. Colleges, universities and their team names and mascots
17. Colours, and their shades and hues:alabaster, taupe, khaki, topaz, auburn, ocher, cinnabar, murrey, paprika, damask, mocha, sienna, grenadine, incarnadine, marigold, terra cotta, indigo, periwinkle, quince, azure, amaranth, aubergine, fuchsia, lilac, phlox, violet, magenta,
18. Computer terms, manufacturers, software/hardware, program acronyms: gigabyte, sci-fi, Wi-Fi, phish, phat, iPod, wii,
19. Currencies and major banks around the world: yen, euro, rupee, franc, lira, peso
20. Current events: Eliot Spitzer, Karlheinz Schreiber, Hurricane Katrina,
21. Dog and cat breeds: Pekingese, Bichon Frise, Basenji, Bouvier des Flandres, Spaniel, Doberman Pinscher, minpin, Great Pyrenees, Lhasa apso, Maltese, Neopolitan, Rhodesian ridgeback, Schipperke, Shih Tzu, Sheba-Inu, Weimaraner, Corgi, Pug, calico,
22. Drug names and manufacturers, both legal and illegal: Tylenol, Viagra,
23. Entertainment: Elle MacPherson, Barbra Streisand,
24. Fashion: bolero, gabardine, caftan, bouffant, petticoat, sarong, tutu, capris, corduroy, bikini, camisole, lingerie, kimono, pajamas,

25. First Ladies
26. Flowers and trees: fungi, rhododendron, chrysanthemum, safflower, magnolia, impatiens, raffia, frankincense, jojoba, alfalfa,
27. Foods, ingredients, spices, dishes, preparations, vegetables, fruits, meats, fish/seafood, fowl, pastas, flambé, sauté, fricassee, crème brulee, oregano, parmesan, parmigiano, kebobs, asparagus, brussel sprouts, guacamole, hasenpfeffer, jambalaya, quiche, sauerkraut, schnitzel, souvlaki, tabbouleh, sushi, tofu, tzatziki, paella, cauldron, demitasse, tongs, Satsuma, pomegranate, sesame, anise, licorice, thyme, paprika, basmati, chow mein, fettuccine, cannelloni, lasagna, penne, vermicelli, porridge, saltine, biscuit, Oreo, petit four, eclair, nougat, jujube, gelato, Jell-O, papaya, sorbet, torte, tiramisu, halvah, olive, wasabi, borscht, bouillon, fondue, stroganoff, waffle, roulade, fricassee, bistro, gourmet, hors d'oeuvres, du jour, cuisine, sommelier, sous-chef, falafel, fajita, coconut, cocoa, Clementine, jalapeno, radicchio, leek, okra, taro root, spatula, goblet, curds, pasteurized, homogenized, tilapia, conch, venison, terrine, kosher, salami, chorizo, gizzard, ketchup, cucumber, bacon, raisin, cantaloupe, currant, kumquat, pistachio, cilantro, lentil, legumes,
28. Geographical information such as mountain ranges, mountain peaks, oceans, rivers, lakes, local creeks: Mt. Kilimanjaro
29. Holidays: Christian, Jewish, and all other faiths: Hanukkah, Kwanzaa,
30. House of Representatives
31. Languages and foreign words and phrases such as adieu, aloha, déjà vu, entrée, avant-garde, bon appétit, au naturel, c'est la vie, de rigueur, fait accompli, modus operandi, billet-doux, bonne chance, au contraire, chutzpah, kudos, Gesundheit, bambino, que serà serà, klutz, schmooze, hors d'oeuvres, maitre d', merci beaucoup, qu'est qui se, s'il vous plait, voila, c'est la vie, raison d'être, moi, bonsoir, oui, avec, bonjour, ciao vs chow, gracias, au revoir, arrivederci, kosher
32. Literary/Movie Characters/Names: Hogwarts, Ichabod Crane, Cruella De Vil, Rumpelstiltskin, Camelot, Punxsutawney Phil, The Brothers Grimm, Aesop,
33. Local landmarks, hospitals, prominent people, buildings: Winspear Centre, Hys Building, Westminster Abbey, Taj Mahal, Guggenheim Museum,
34. Major businesses, trading organizations, stock terms: PricewaterhouseCoopers, Dolce & Gabbana, Exxon Mobil, Hewlett-Packard
35. Major wars, domestic and international
36. Makes and models of automobiles, boats, airplanes, motorcycles: Escalade, Kawasaki,
37. Mayors, police chiefs, councilors/aldermen of cities you're working in
38. Medical: impetigo, Kaposi's Syndrome, Meniere's Syndrome, pyorrhea, Lyme disease, Lou Gehrig's, rubella, scurvy, celiac, furuncle, gangrene, hemorrhoid, narcolepsy, spondylosis, harelip, dyslexic, scoliosis, follicle, xiphoid, platelet, charleyhorse, Montezuma's revenge, phlegm, pus, tinnitus, zit, Fu Manchu,
39. Meteorological terms, weather terms: Siberian high, tsunami, smaze, cirrostratus, cumulonimbus, El Niño, equinox, solstice, canicular, Richter scale,
40. Military leaders; Joint Chiefs of Staff; military bases; weapons of war like A-10 tank killers, F-15s, Tomahawk missiles, Scuds, etc
41. Movie stars: Scorsese, Angelina Jolie,
42. Music: Mozart, Beethoven,
43. Mythology/folklore: Cyclops, Beowulf, Medusa, Pegasus, Excaliber, Zeus, Grimm's fairy tales, utopia, Aesop's Fables, Cupid, Aphrodite, Sphinx, Rumpelstiltskin, Loch Ness, gnome, Oedipus, Centaur

44. Names, common first names and last names, and all spelling derivatives: Sherry, Cheri, Sheri, Sheree, Cheree, Shari, Sharee,
45. Names: (Famous): Hypocrites, Aristotle,
46. National figures (government, religious, entertainment, criminal): Mary Kay Letourneau, Mister Rogers,
47. National parks, Provincial parks
48. Nationalities and languages for foreign nations
49. Plants: bonsai, algae, chlorophyll, conifer, deciduous, fungus, lignin, plankton, succulent, magnolia, eucalyptus, frankincense, jojoba, fleur-de-lis, geranium, poinsettia, safflower, ginkgo, dandelion, hyacinth, catnip, crocus,
50. Political terms like glasnost, apartheid, leaders anarchy, propaganda, caucus, expatriate, Kremlin Parliament
51. Presidents (past, present, and potential): Barack Obama,
52. Prime Ministers (past, present, and potential)
53. Professional sports teams, their nicknames, players and coaches: Esks, Canadiens,
54. Religion, Books of the Bible, religious structures: mosques, temples, Byzantine Church, Gnosticism, Judaism, Quakers, Episcopalian, Moravians, Crucifixion, Mary Magdalene, Rastafarian, Vatican, Yiddish, Yom Kippur, Sadducee, rabbinical, Rosh Hashanah, Hare Krishna, Buddha, penitent, ayatollah, Kriss Kringle, poltergeist, Pontius Pilate, Orthodox, Buddhism, Eucharist, Catholicism, Cain & Abel, Messiah, Baha'í, Evangelical, diocesan, Protestant, martyrdom, liturgy, liturgical, homily, hallelujah, Shi'ite, schism, sacrilege, Dalai Lama, Qur'an, rubric, Torah, sanctity, ephiphany, voodoo, clairvoyance, Druid, ghoul, oracle, swastika, werewolf, tiki, karma, taboo, wicca, Kama Sutra, bat mitzvah,
55. Senate
56. Special events like Kwanzaa, Cinco de Mayo,
57. Sports terminology, awards and organizations, both amateur and professional: Cy Young Award, Juventas, Quebec CHL Maineiacs, bogey, birdie, tackle, alleyoop, hog line, University of Waterloo Gryphons
58. State and Provincial Judges
59. Supreme Court Justices (U.S. and Canada) and important Supreme Court decisions
60. Terms related to world organizations like NATO, OPEC, G-8, etc
61. Unique Words: lickety-split, cornucopia, camouflage, dungarees, sci-fi, tule fog, palsy-walsy, doohickey, tutti-frutti, thingamabob, whatchamacallit, caboodle, nincompoop, yokel, heckuva, helluva,
62. Vehicles, automakers, models, brand names, antique cars, parts, dealers, farm implements, boats (types, models, manufacturers): John Deere, Malibu, Mercedes Benz, Lamborghini, Autobahn, limousine, Popemobile, amphibian, carburetor, tachometer, dinghy, kayak, go-cart, Travelaire, moped, landlubber, buccaneer, toboggan,
63. Weather: Seismology, earthquakes, temblors, northwester, noreaster,
  1. Summer – thunderstorm, thundershowers, tornados
  2. Fall – hurricanes, tsunami, El Nino
  3. Winter – blizzard, ice fog, sleet, hoar frost
  4. Spring – flooding
64. World history terminology, as in TET Offensive, Bolshevike, Chairman Mao, etc.
65. World Leaders, including United Nations, G-8,