

phonemes : Word hunt & phoneme matching

Grab this

A guardian Scissors

Attached list of words and

pictures (printed out)

Try this

Step 1: Print and cut out list of words

and photos

Step 2: Have a guardian or friend hide each photo around the house or area

Step 3: Once all of the words are hidden, go on a hunt around the space until you have found all 14 words!

Step 4: After collecting all of the words, arrange them on a table or other surface, and create pairs of words starting with the same phone.

example: *kangaroo* and

What are the units of sound that make up words and how do we tell the difference between them?

Talk about this

Questions to discuss with friends or family

Can you think of any words that start with the same letter but not the same phoneme? (like

knowledge and kangaroo)

Is the "ch" sound made up of *one* or *two* phonemes?

How many phonemes are there in your name?

What's going on

This activity shows the concept of phonemes, which are the smallest units of meaningful sound used in languages. We use combinations of these phonemes every day to create words. Over 200 different sounds exist in languages across the world. Our job is to use them to communicate and make sense to others. We can identify these sounds from a very young age, but as we grow, we need to learn which ones are used in our language and how to tell them apart.

By your age, though you may not know it, your brain has a really good grasp on telling apart the sounds you hear every day. However, you haven't reached your full ability yet. This activity is a fun way to practice telling whether sounds are different or the same. Learning about phones and phonemes is always helpful to readers and spellers.

This game is also supposed to show how the spelling of words does not always tell us what their phonemes are. Phonemes are different from letters, and sometimes the same letter makes the same sound in different words, and other times it makes a different sound.

Sometimes two words sound the same, but different letters are used to spell the same phoneme. We hope you have enjoyed the activity and learned something new!

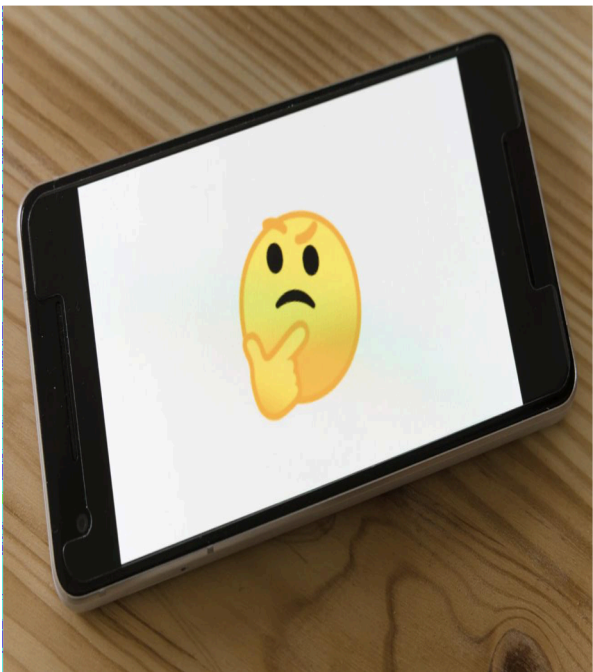
Brain



Bread



Think



Throw



Psychology



Science



Knowledge



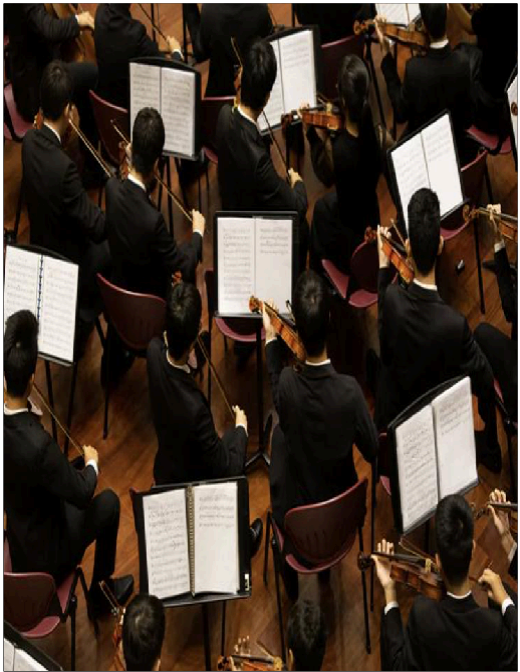
Notebook



Cinnamon



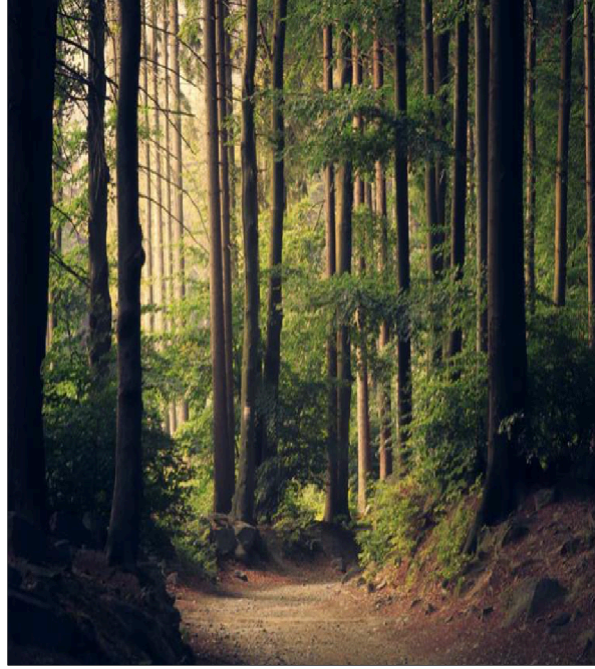
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Gnat



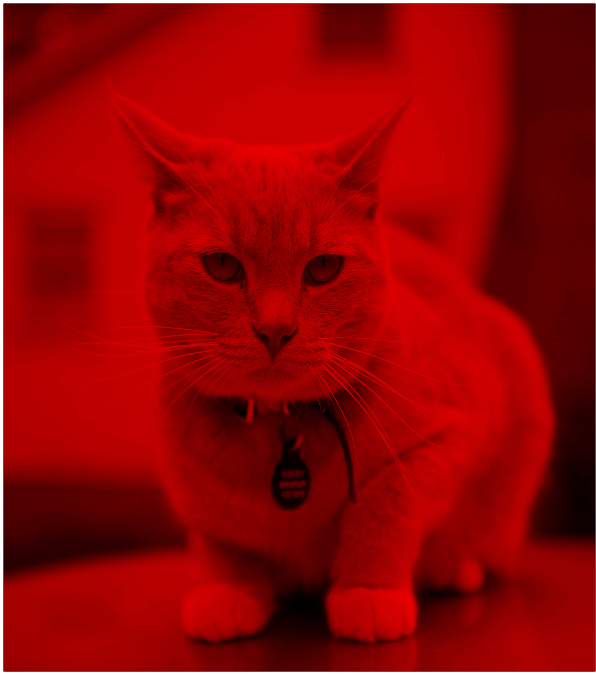
Nature



Kangaroo



Cat



Fun with Phones Answer Key:

- Cat & Kangaroo
- Any combination of the following: Gnat, Nature, Knowledge & Notebook
- Any combination of the following: Cinnamon, Symphony, Psychology & Science
- Think & Throw
- Brain & Bread