

Exercising the Vocab Region of the Brain

PG 1 of 2: A robust vocabulary can certainly make us sound smart, however, it can also strengthen the frontal, temporal and parietal lobes. (The region responsible for vocabulary.) Thanks to advances in technology, we now understand the enormous amount of stimulation our brain receives when we engage in activities that encourage the use of vocabulary, but even more so, when we practice expanding our 'vocab-repertoire'.
(The following exercises will accomplish both!)

Determine which **antonyms** can be used for each of the two words listed in challenges 1-12 below to make a well-known compound word or phrase.
(The first one is done for you as an example.)

1. Unintelligent Girl = Wise Guy
2. Over Land = U _____ - W _____
3. Over Head = U _____ - T _____
4. Cold Feet = H _____ - H _____
5. Unfortunate Cat = L _____ - D _____
6. Adult Disdain = C _____ - L _____
7. Kind Slumbering = R _____ - A _____
8. Low Water = H _____ - L _____
9. Slow Awake = F _____ - A _____
10. Leisurely Smooth = S _____ - B _____
11. Bad Night = G _____ - M _____
12. Morning Rise = N _____ - F _____

BONUS: Create one of your own:

_____ = _____ - _____

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PG 2 of 2: Now we'll pull together all the activities in this lesson by exercising both categorization and vocabulary. Write the commonality in the space provided for numbers 1 through 5 below... (after determining the answer to each of the hints.)

1. Commonality? _____

Numbers that aren't whole...can be expressed as decimals. _____

You might place this in the paper if you wanted a roommate. _____

A number requires this symbol to show that it's negative. _____

It was the best of _____ it was the worst of _____.

2. Commonality? _____

Guys go to the gym to _____ iron.

We breathe this in and out all day. _____

If you are a car salesman, you like to _____ and deal.

If you are going out in the rain you better wear your _____ boots.

3. Commonality? _____

If a person keeps losing a game, they may decide to throw in the _____.

If you go to the Sahara Desert, you will definitely see lots of _____.

Now that northerners have snow blowers, they no longer need _____.

A list of things you want to do before you can't is called a _____ list.

4. Commonality? _____

When a person says, 'Abracadabra', they are performing a _____ trick.

Two adult male cows that haven't been castrated would be two _____.

A device w/a small spike, worn on a horse to urge its movement _____

If you can't stand the _____ get out of the kitchen.

5. Commonality? _____

The famous Colosseum in Italy is located in _____.

If you went to France to see the Eiffel Tower, you would be in _____.

You can easily find the time in here...just look up at Big Ben. _____

Named after the Greek Goddess Athena and full of history. _____