Speech and Language Therapy

Help for word-finding difficulties
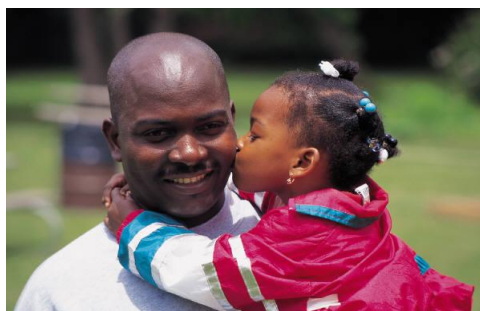
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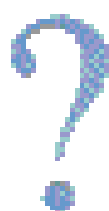   **Opposite** word   +   practice

    Categories   +   practice

    First sound   +   practice

4. **Tell me all about it….**

    Practice

5. **Contact** details

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What's happened?

Aphasia   = Communication problems

1 Conversations

2 Telephone

3 Reading

4 Writing

Good news, you are not alone!

You can meet people with aphasia.

You can make **progress**

Family and friends can be taught to communicate better.

Word-finding difficulties?

Getting stuck

Mmmm…..er

Wrong word
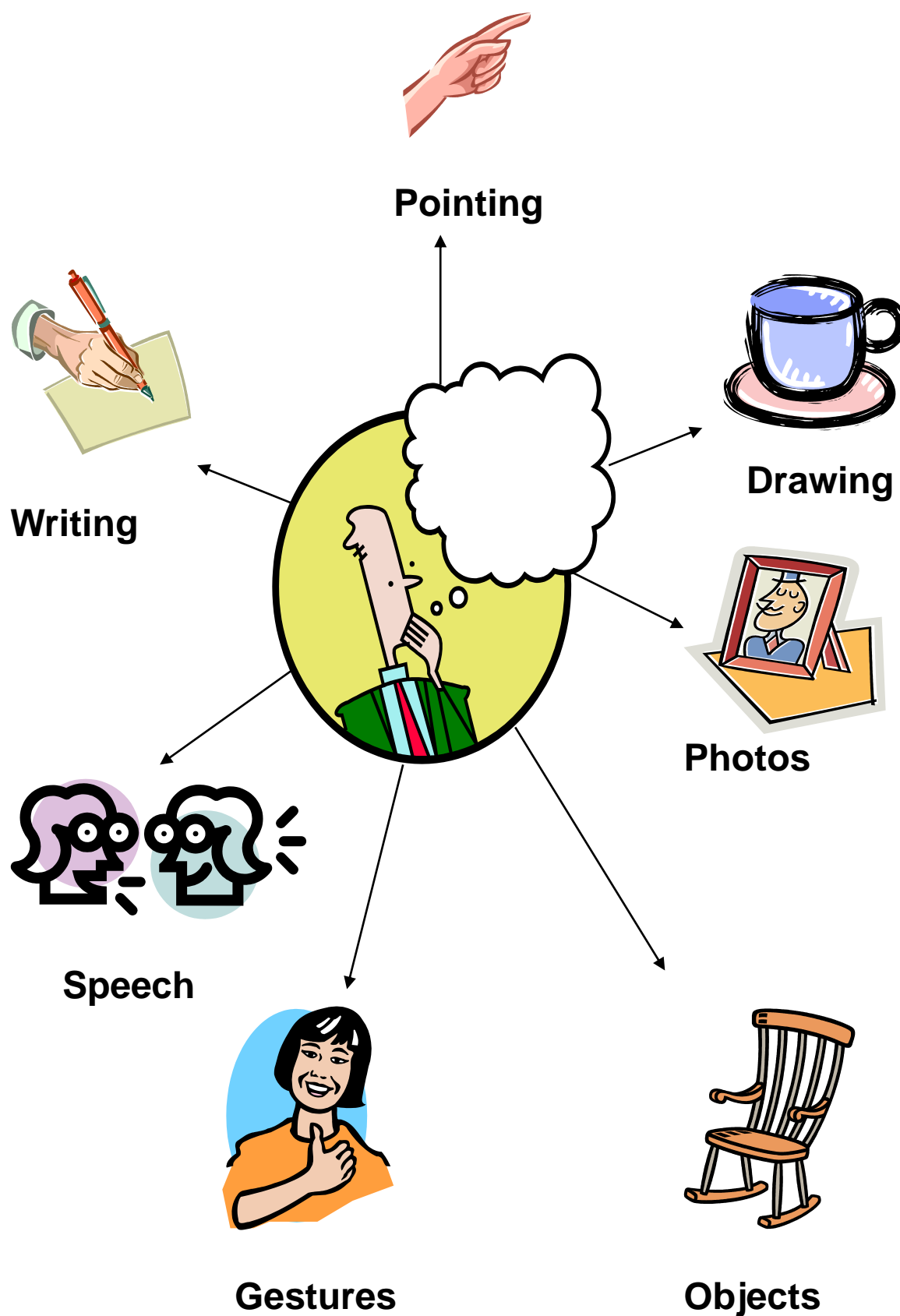
Sofa…..no…. armchair

Jumbled word

I'm going to watch the teleshiven...er.. television
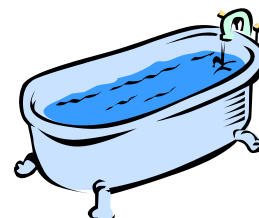
Empty words

The thing went over there.

Total communication is

Pointing

Writing

Drawing

Photos

Speech

Gestures

Objects

Total communication

key

bath

toothbrush

cardigan

window

walk

apple

carving knife
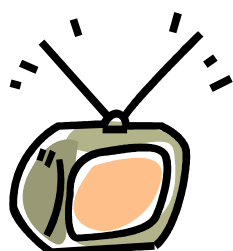
television

handcuffs

stars

winter

Get your message across using gestures, mime and pointing. No speech.

Baby's Cot

Toothbrush

Window

Apple

Bath

Cardigan

Car

Excited

Television

Walk

Carving knife

Handcuffs

Stars

More total communication

Flowers

Sandwich

Chicken

Telephone
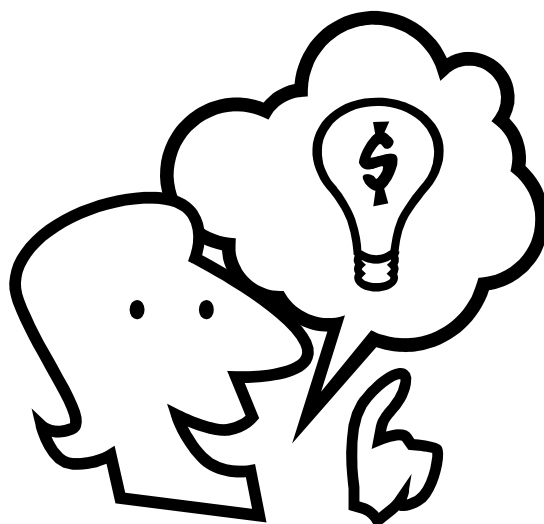
Book

Doctor

Curtains
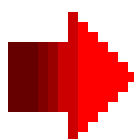
Swimming costume

Child

Shoulder

Enormous

Physiotherapist

Microwave
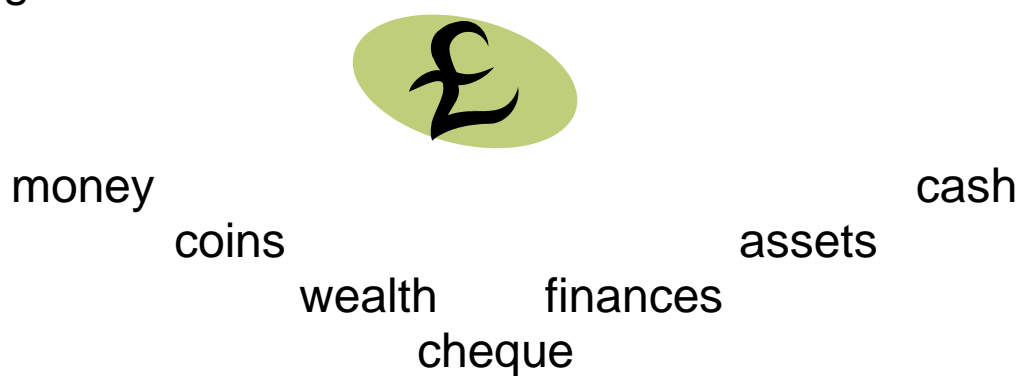
Sink

Washing machine

Talking strategies

- Say a **key word** 1st

'GARDEN'

- Think of a **similar** word
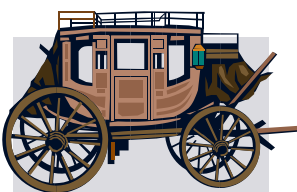
e.g.

£

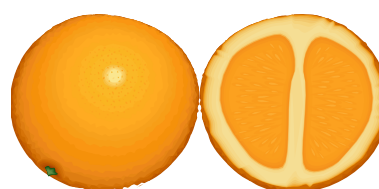money   cash
        coins   assets
            wealth   finances
                    cheque

Similar words

Plant

Happy

Old

Cup

Fast

orange

Similar words

Settee

Satsuma

Plant

Old

Book

Pen

Quick

Clothes

Happy

Cup

- Think of the **opposite** word
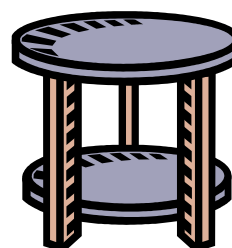
Not the **big** one ➡ Small

Opposite words

Sad

Hot

Knife
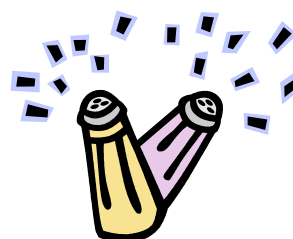
Salt

Up

Table

Opposite words
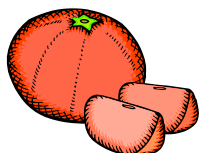
Sad

Pretty

Knife

Salt

Old

Little

High

Up

A bit

Table
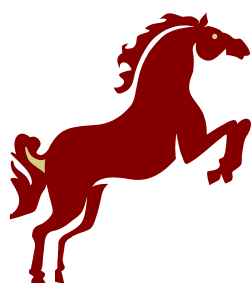
- Think of the **category** it belongs to

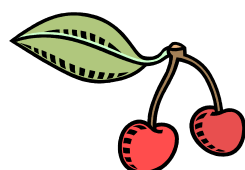tangerine

fruit

stilettos

shoes

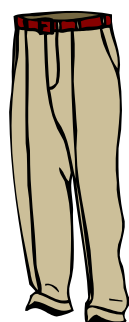# Categories

Horse

Orange Juice

Cherry

Mirror

Trousers

Aeroplane

Categories

Cow, pig, horse

Banana, apple, cherry

Trousers, socks, skirt

Toothbrush, face cloth, comb

Tea, coffee, orange juice

Brother, son, daughter

Watch, earrings, cuff links

Car, bus, aeroplane

Oven, sink, fridge

Red, blue, pink

Think of examples

Parts of the body

Flowers

Hobbies

Newspapers

Shops

Money

Meat

Places in Bradford

Categories

Wales, France, America

Gone with the Wind, Pride and Prejudice, ET

Nurse, solicitor, baker

Elm, Oak, Sycamore

Monopoly, dominoes, cards

Whiskey, sherry, beer

Classical, jazz, pop

Alsatian, Collie, Terrier

Cakes, éclairs, sponge

Ford, Nissan, Mercedes

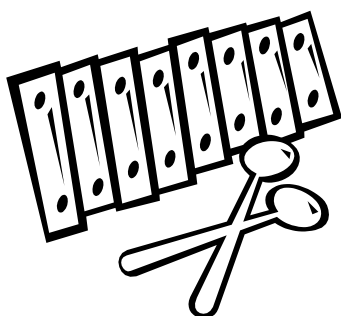- Say the **1ˢᵗ sound**

knife

→ ' **n** '

lamp

→ ' **l** '

Try these!

Bear

Curtain

Glasses

Shower

Xylophone

Helicopter
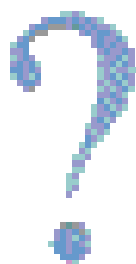
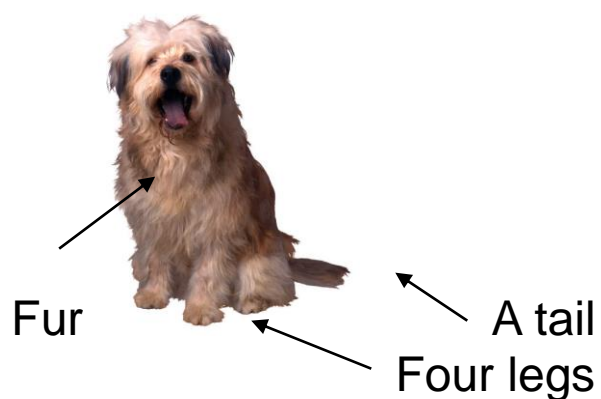# Say the first sound

Bear

Television

Curtain

Lily

Glasses

Mirror

Helicopter

Farm

Yorkshire pudding

Pineapple
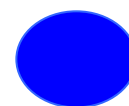
Tell me all about it….

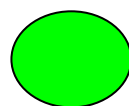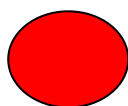1. What does it look like?
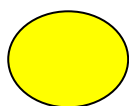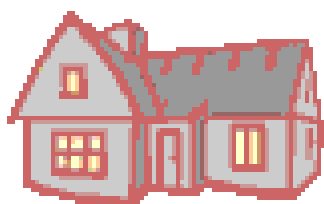

Fur

A tail

Four legs

2. How big is it?

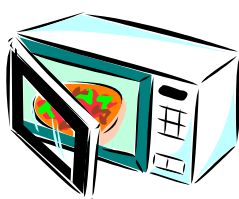3. What **colour** is it?

?

4. **Where** is it?

Inside

Outside

5. What does it **do?**
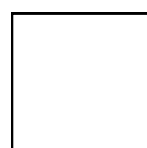

microwave → cooks dinner

6. What **shape** is it**?**
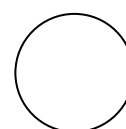

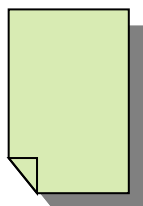rectangle   triangle   square   round

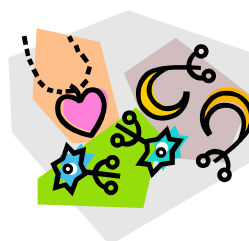7. What is it **made of?**

| Wood | Paper | Plastic | Metal |

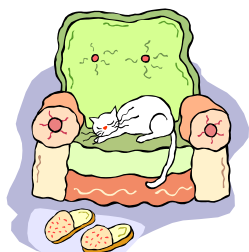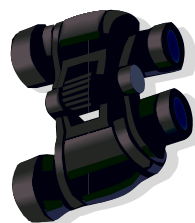8. Which **category** does it belong to?

Watch ➡ Jewellery

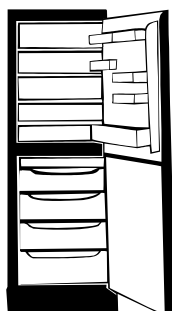# Try these…

chair

binoculars

bus
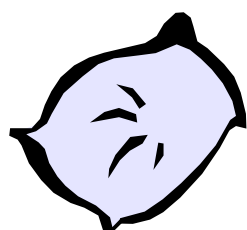
piano

fridge

hair brush

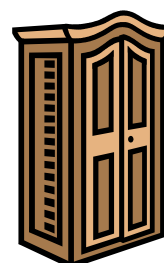banana

kettle

pillow

zebra

telephone

light bulb

hospital

wardrobe

calendar

Australia

Tell me all about these

Chair

Binoculars

Bus

Piano

Fridge

Hair brush

Pillow

Swimming pool

Banana

Wardrobe

Zebra

Telephone

Niece

Light bulb

Calendar

Kettle

Hospital

Photograph

Big Ben

Australia

What is it?

Sticky, roll, clear = cellotape

Tall, wood, leaves = _____

Sea, sand, donkeys = _____

Click, flash, photo = _____

Upstairs, sleep, blankets= _____

Pages, read, hardback= _____

Baby, animal, white = _____

Oats, milk, breakfast = _____

Wings, sky, beak = _____

Cut, food, kitchen = _____

What is it?

Building, nurses, doctors = _____

Box, Programmes, adverts = _____

Wheels, ride, pedal = _____

Clothes, creases, very hot = _____

Food, very cold, kitchen = _____

Wood, strike, fire = _____

Numbers, computer, sums = _____

Water, sails, starboard = _____

Country, haggis, thistle = _____

Music, strings, plectrum = _____