

Which One Doesn't Belong? Sample Answer Key

1. cat • dog • animal • table • paw • tail

Odd one out: table

Relationship: Hyponym

How do you know? All the other words are related to animals. Cat and dog are types of animals, and paw and tail are animal parts. "Animal" is the category they belong to. A table is not related to animals.

2. happy • joyful • glad • sad

Odd one out: sad

Relationship: Synonym

How do you know? Happy, joyful, and glad all have similar meanings and describe feeling good. "Sad" has the opposite meaning, so it does not belong.

3. big • large • huge • tiny

Odd one out: tiny

Relationship: Synonym

How do you know? Big, large, and huge all mean something is large in size. "Tiny" means very small, which is the opposite, so it does not fit.

4. flower • flour • flour • flower • tree

Odd one out: tree

Relationship: Homophone

How do you know? "Flower" and "flour" sound the same but have different meanings, so they are homophones. "Tree" does not sound the same as those words, so it does not belong.

5. bat (animal) • bat (baseball) • bark (tree) • bark (dog) • leaf

Odd one out: leaf

Relationship: Homonym

How do you know? "Bat" and "bark" are words that have the same spelling but different meanings, so they are homonyms. "Leaf" only has one meaning here and does not match that pattern.