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# Think Fast!

## Cognitive Thinking Strategies: Divergent Thinking, Categorization

**Think Fast!** is a game that can be played anywhere. The objective is for the student(s) to give the correct number of responses as quickly as possible. When in the classroom, you may want to have a timer available and elect a student to be the official timekeeper. You can tailor the game to make it a little easier for younger students or more difficult for older students. For an extra challenge, ask older students to perform additional steps. For example, list four words that rhyme with *sad* and then create a poem using them.

Be creative with your question prompts and use them to reinforce curriculum topics.

Here is a list of possible **Think Fast!** prompts:

### Think Fast and Name...

- three blue, circular objects
- two yellow, square objects
- four red, rectangular objects
- five green, triangular objects
- the six elements of a story
- the name of a bird that lives in the Amazon jungle
- three words that rhyme with *funny*
- two words that start with the letter *s* and end with the letter *e*
- three words that contain a double consonant
- one geometrical shape that has at least four straight lines
- four carnivorous animals
- five signers of the Constitution
- the three primary colors
- the notes in a musical scale
- the planets of our solar system from closest to the sun to the farthest away
- the parts of a plant
- the seven colors of the rainbow
- the first five presidents of the United States
- five professional football teams



# Perspectives

## Cognitive Thinking Strategies: Prediction, Perspectives

To practice this strategy, have students draw a picture or tell a story from a perspective other than their own. This is a great way to highlight different opinions on the same issue. For example, looking at the story of Cinderella from a stepsister's viewpoint can tell a whole new story. Artistic students can choose to draw new illustrations for the story from the new perspectives.

Here's an example of the stepsister's story:

### A Different Cinderella Story

*Who was that girl? She danced with the prince all night long. That was so unfair. Who does she think she is? The prince obviously wanted to dance with me and she wouldn't let him. I'm glad she raced out of the ball at midnight. Too bad she tripped and lost her ugly glass shoe!*

Here are some other ideas for new perspectives:

1. The story of a rock's life.
2. A conversation between two bugs on a windshield.
3. The flight of a home run ball.
4. The story of a turtle's journey to lay eggs.
5. Christmas from an elf's perspective, a reindeer's perspective, a gingerbread man's perspective or a present's perspective.
6. A British perspective of the Boston Tea Party.
7. A Canadian perspective of the American Revolutionary War.
8. An afternoon of fun from the perspective of a swimming pool diving board.
9. A rubber ball's perspective of bouncing down a flight of stairs.
10. A hockey puck's perspective of a game.



