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Look for What They Have in Common

To classify means to put items together in groups based on something they have in common.

1. Write the words from the box under the category heading where they best fit.

trout	robin	parrot	snake
turtle	elephant	crocodile	ostrich
salmon	squirrel	tuna	tiger

Mammals	Birds	Reptiles	Fish
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

2. Write a category name for each group.

_____	_____	_____	_____
buddy	square	to	Monday
pal	rectangle	two	Saturday
chum	diamond	too	Wednesday

3. Write three words that fit into each category.

Fruit	Vegetables	States	Red Things
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Winter Sports	Water Sports	Parts of a Car	Novels
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

4. Write the names of four categories of your own. List three words that fit into each category.

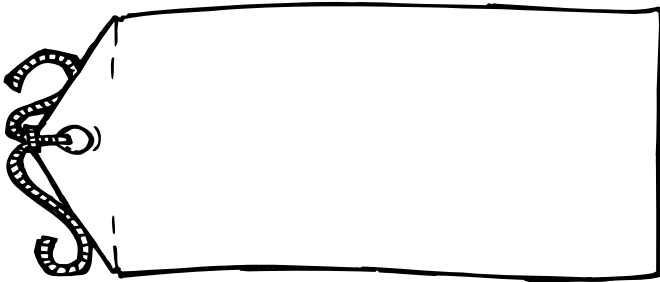| _____	_____	_____	_____
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Set up the Store

Most stores organize items to help people find products easier. In a grocery store, all the soups may be in one aisle and laundry products in another aisle. In a hardware store, power tools may be in one section and hand tools in another.

Your parents are opening a new party store. They've asked you to help them organize it. The first shipment of goods has arrived.
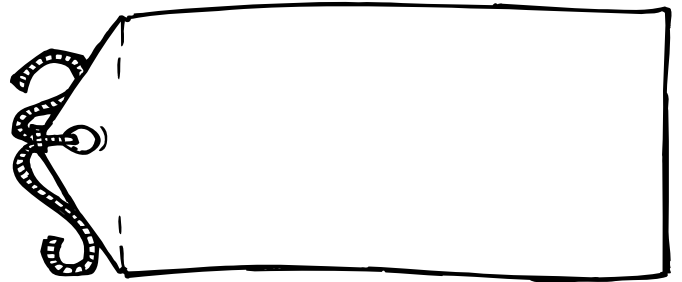
1. Study the list of items they received. Decide on four categories or sections for the store. Write a label for each section and list the products you would put in that area of the store.

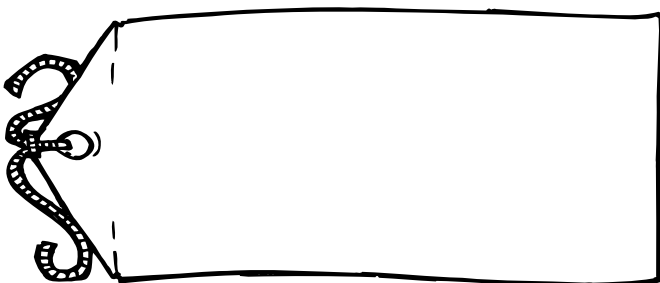|			
balloons	streamers	gift wrap	greeting cards
ribbon	bows	envelopes	decorative boxes
gift bags	invitations	paper plates	tissue paper
paper napkins	noisemakers	scissors	stuffed animals
party hats	costumes	wigs	plastic tablecloths
makeup	gag gifts	photo albums	paper tablecloths
paper cups	scrapbooks	cellophane tape	how-to party books
plastic knives, forks, and spoons		cake decorations	

Section 1: _____
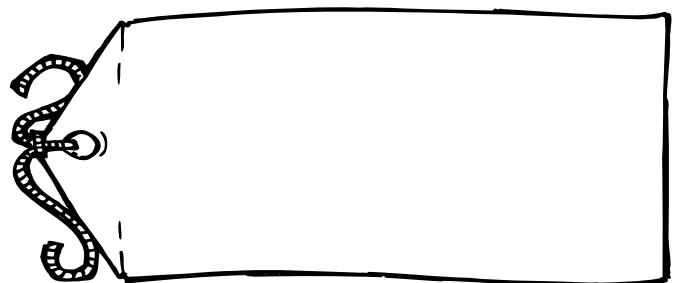
Section 2: _____

Section 3: _____

Section 4: _____

2. Add at least two more products to each section above that might be found in a party store.

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Is That a Fact?

A **fact** is a sentence that can be proven.

 Boston is the capital of Massachusetts.

An **opinion** is what someone thinks about something. It cannot be proven.

 Football is more fun than baseball.

Read the sentences. On the blanks, write **F** for fact or **O** for opinion.

1. _____ Gymnasts train harder than other types of athletes.

2. _____ Learning to ride a horse is difficult.

3. _____ Dogs are more affectionate than cats.

4. _____ Goldfish are the best types of pets because they require little work.

5. _____ Training a dog is more fun than teaching a parrot to speak.

6. _____ On the average, parrots live longer than dogs.

7. _____ Anyone can teach a parrot to talk.

8. _____ A good word for parrots to learn to say is "Polly."

9. _____ The Olympics are held every four years.

10. Write four sentences that are facts.

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11. Write four sentences that are opinions.

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