



HIERARCHY OF LANGUAGE SKILLS

This chart outlines the typical progression of language processing skills.

LEVEL	SKILL	EXAMPLES
9	ANALOGIES	Comparing two items. Ex. A shoe and a sock go together as a hand and a ____.
8	IDIOMS	Understanding non-literal phrases. Ex. raining cats and dogs
7	MULTIPLE MEANINGS	Identifying and describing words that have more than one meaning. Ex. park, bowl, bat
6	DIFFERENCES	Telling how two or more objects are different Ex. How are a cat and a dog different?
5	SIMILARITIES	Telling how two or more objects are alike Ex. How are a cat and a dog alike?
4	CATEGORIZATION	Naming and identifying categories, synonyms and antonyms Ex. Name three fruits, give a synonym for cold.
3	ASSOCIATIONS	Naming and identifying what "goes together". Ex. peanut butter and jelly
2	FUNCTIONS	Naming and identifying objects by their function Ex. What do you do with scissors?
1	LABELING	Naming objects and pictures of objects Ex. What is this? Where is ___?