Intermediate Reading Course. Section 1: The Basics

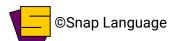
Practice 1. Identifying general and specific Ideas

In this exercise, you will practice recognizing general and specific concepts. This is a necessary skill when reading a paragraph because you must distinguish general topics and main ideas from the details.

Instructions. Use what you have learned in the lesson about the anatomy of a paragraph. In this exercise, you will see groups of words and phrases. One of them refers to a general concept or idea while the others are specific ideas related to it. Identify the general idea.

For example, in "bananas, apples, fruit, pears" the general idea is "fruit" while the others are specific types of fruit.

Group 1:	guitar — piano — flute — instrument
General idea:	
Group 2:	beverage — coffee — iced tea — lemonade
General ide	ea:
Group 3.	strawberries and cream — apple pie — ice cream — dessert
General ide	ea:
Group 4:	device — laptop — smartphone — tablet
General idea:	
Group 5:	necklace — jewelry — diamond ring — bracelet
General idea:	



Group 6: chess — monopoly — checkers — game General idea: _____ **Group 7:** foot – hand – body part – chest General idea: _____ **Group 8:** brick – material – wood – steel General idea: ______ ideology – liberalism – socialism – conservatism Group 9: General idea: _____ **Group 10:** carbon – oxygen – hydrogen – element General idea: _____ **Group 11:** poetry – genre – drama – novel General idea: _____ **Group 12:** addition — multiplication — division — operation General idea: _____

Answer Key

Group 1: guitar – piano – flute – instrument

General idea: <u>instrument</u>

Group 2: beverage – coffee – iced tea – lemonade

General idea: beverage

Group 3. strawberries and cream — apple pie — ice cream — dessert

General idea: dessert

Group 4: device — laptop — smartphone — tablet

General idea: device

Group 5: necklace – jewelry – diamond ring – bracelet

General idea: jewelry

Group 6: chess — monopoly — checkers — game

General idea: game

Group 7: foot — hand — body part — chest

General idea: body part

Group 8: brick — material — wood — steel

General idea: material

Group 9: ideology — liberalism — socialism — conservatism

General idea: <u>ideology</u>

Group 10: carbon – oxygen – hydrogen – element

General idea: element

Group 11: poetry – genre – drama – novel

General idea: genre

Group 12: addition — multiplication — division — operation

General idea: operation