



The Stonehenge School

Challenge
&
Enrichment
Activities

Subject: Lateral thinking

Topic Title: Classified Information



Summer 1

Your Task

Classification is the placement of items, animals or people into categories. It requires an important type of thinking, involving seeing connections and exceptions.

For example: - cat dog tiger Hamster Budgerigar

The most obvious 'odd one out' might be 'tiger', as the other four are domestic pets. However, 'budgerigar' could be chosen as the only bird. 'Hamster' is the one rodent in the list. In this way, alternative answers can be found by laterally thinking.

- ❖ Below there are 10 groups write down which choice in each group is the most obvious 'odd one out' and why, and then try and find a second 'odd one out' and give reasons.

The Groups

1	a	9	b	25	c	16	d	17	e	49
2	a	France	b	Spain	c	Switzerland	d	Poland	e	Brazil
		Inspector		Lord Peter		Miss Jane		Sherlock		Hercule
3	a	Morse	b	Wimsey	c	Marple	d	Holmes	e	Poirot
4	a	Ann	b	Ian	c	Owen	d	Una	e	Ron
				Snakes and				Trivial		
5	a	Monopoly	b	Ladders	c	Rummy	d	Pursuits	e	Cluedo
6	a	Tennis	b	Ice Hockey	c	Cricket	d	Rugby	e	Baseball
7	a	Bicycle	b	Train	c	Car	d	Taxi	e	Motorcycle
						Horse				
8	a	Oak	b	Yew	c	Chestnut	d	Birch	e	Alder
				Manchester						
9	a	Liverpool	b	United	c	Arsenal	d	Barnsley	e	Everton
10	a	Monet	b	Van Gogh	c	Degas	d	Picasso	e	Constable

Gifted & Talented Extreme Challenge:

Create your word groups so that at least three of the five can be the odd one out for different reasons.

