



Fruyer Model - Vocabulary Development

Description of the Fruyer Model

The Fruyer model (Fruyer, Frederick, & Kalusmeier, 1969) is a word categorization activity that helps learners develop their understanding of concepts or vocabulary. The teacher assigns a concept or vocabulary word and the students provide a definition, list characteristic or facts, and provide examples and nonexamples of the concept. Once the diagram is complete, let students share their work with other students.

Purpose for Using the Fruyer Model

- Develop understanding of key concepts and vocabulary
- Draw on prior knowledge to make connections among concepts
- Compare attributes and examples
- Think critically to find relationships between concepts and to develop deeper understanding
- Make visual connections and personal associations

