Lesson 11: How to Group Similar Ideas

Purpose of Lesson 11: More practice: Part C of The ABC's of Prewriting: "How to group ideas together."

Skills: Reading comprehension, vocabulary, and writing.

Directions: Read the conversation below and do the exercises that follow.

1. Good morning. I am very pleased with the way you are learning the writing process. Some of the class has asked for more practice on grouping.

2. Before we go on, tell me if I understand Part C of The ABC's of Prewriting. First, review the information gathered from Part B of The ABC's of Prewriting; second, look for a main idea for the essay; third, now arrange this information into smaller lists that group similar ideas together; fourth, look for a title or name for each group.

1. You’re right on the money, Dora. That is exactly the way to proceed, step by step.

4. Glad to hear that, should we use the same lists that we did before?
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Yes, your class will use the exercises below to practice grouping and looking for a title. Before you start, let me give you some important reminders.

1. There can be more than one correct answer. Different students can group ideas differently and still be correct.
2. Grouping helps you write paragraphs. Later on, each group can become a paragraph.
3. If you need more guidance, look at Lesson 10, and also ask your teacher.

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