**Objective**

The student will identify similarities and differences between the meanings of words.

**Materials**

- Venn diagram pattern (Activity Master V.031.AM1)
  
  *Copy three times, color each circle with a different color, and cut. Assemble circles to make a 3-way Venn diagram. Mount on poster board and laminate. Optional: Copy on three different colored pieces of paper to make circles stand out. Use string or other material (e.g., hula hoops) to form 3-way Venn diagrams.*

- Header and attribute cards (Activity Master V.031.AM2)

**Activity**

Students compare words using a 3-way Venn diagram.

1. Place the 3-way Venn diagram on a flat surface. Place one header card near each circle. Place the attribute cards face down in a stack.
2. Taking turns, students select the top card and read it.
3. Determine if attribute or related vocabulary applies to one or more of the headers. Place in the corresponding section of the diagram.
4. Continue until all cards are placed.
5. Peer evaluation

**Extensions and Adaptations**

- Record attributes and related vocabulary on student sheet (Activity Master V.031.SS1).
- Compare other target words and write attributes (Activity Master V.031.AM3).
- Compare only two words using a Venn diagram (Activity Master V.031.SS2).
Cut out inside of circle to make a ring.
**Vocabulary**

**V.031.AM2**

**Compare Extraordinaire**

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**football**

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**baseball**

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**soccer**

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**Answer Key**

1. diamond
2. innings
3. bases
4. umpire
5. helmets
6. laces on ball
7. pigskin
8. downs
9. goalie
10. laces on ball
11. kick the ball
12. goal posts
13. shorts
14. pentagons on ball
15. goalie
16. net
17. round balls
18. international teams
19. opponents
20. coaches

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