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

Materials
▶ Information books about a content topic
▶ Vocabulary word cards
  Choose a target word pair or use vocabulary from a content topic.
▶ Student sheet
▶ Pencil

Activity
Students compare and contrast words using a Venn Diagram.
1. Place vocabulary word cards and books at the center. Provide the student with a student sheet.
2. The student reads the words and writes them in each of the boxes on the student sheet.
3. Writes attributes that are shared by both words in the overlapping area of the circles on the Venn Diagram. Writes attributes which are unique to just one of the topics in the corresponding circle. Uses books if necessary.
4. Continues until there are at least three attributes in each of the three sections of the Venn Diagram.
5. Teacher evaluation

Extensions and Adaptations
▶ Use other target word cards to compare and contrast.
▶ Compare and contrast attributes of classroom objects.
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