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The Odd One Answer Key

1. **salmon** does not belong because the others are birds.
2. **carrot** does not belong because the others are shapes.
3. **dolphin** does not belong because the others are tools.
4. **sunset** does not belong because the others are days of the week.
5. **skateboard** does not belong because the others are vegetables.

Teacher's Guide

- **Purpose:**
 - Helps students strengthen classification logic by identifying category patterns and exceptions.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For students who need support, preview vocabulary or ask guiding questions such as "What do three of these items have in common?"
 - Provide sentence starters like "It does not belong because..." for early writers.
 - Challenge advanced students to identify two different possible classifications if appropriate.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Let students work in pairs to debate the odd one out before writing.
 - Write each group on cards and have students sort them physically before marking their answers.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students create two new Odd One Out groups and swap with a partner.
 - Ask students to expand one category into a short explanatory paragraph describing what defines the group.