

Name _____

Categorize The Words Answer Key

Animals: cat, dog

Foods: apple, banana

Weather: rain, sun

Shapes: square, circle

Teacher's Guide

- **Using this worksheet**
 - Read each word aloud and have students repeat to support early decoding and oral vocabulary.
 - Encourage students to point to the categories first and talk about what belongs in each.
- **Differentiation tips**
 - For students who are just beginning to read, pair each printed word with a small picture card as needed.
 - For students needing challenge, add two extra blank lines so they can think of more words that fit each category.
 - Provide verbal cues such as "Which ones can move?" or "Which ones can you eat?" to support comprehension.
- **Extension ideas**
 - Encourage students to create a fifth category and brainstorm items that belong in it.
 - Have students circle the beginning sound in each sorted word to reinforce phonics skills.
 - Build mini stories using one word from each category to strengthen oral language.
 - Save sorted words for future activities like matching, writing simple sentences, or sound hunts.