



Pumpkins & Squashes



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Ideas for using this resource

These ideas are for a wide range of ages (something for everyone) - pick the ideas that are suitable for your child/ren.

Using one set

- Cut each image into 2, 3 or 4 pieces to make your own mini jigsaw puzzles
- Put the pumpkins and squashes in alphabetical order.
- Discover initial sounds - find the pumpkin that begins with...
- Find the pumpkin with a phase 3 phonics sound - say the sound (phoneme) or show the sound (grapheme) for - or, er, ur, oo, ar, ng, ch - note kakai with ai is not a phase 3 sound. It's a Japanese word.
- Sort using a Venn diagram - you can use two simple circles or have them overlapping. Sort by colours or textures. I have provided overlapping circles (two sizes) below and category suggestions - you can make up your own categories.
- Play Kim's game - have two or more pumpkin pictures and memorise them. Take one away - which one is missing?
- How many syllables in each name? Clap them out and sort them into piles (you could use this as categories in your Venn diagram).
- Estimate how many pumpkins you can see without counting. Write it down or select the number from cards or magnetic numbers. Now count the number of pumpkins. How close was your estimate?
- Talk about why you think the pumpkins and squashes have the names they do. Research the names of the pumpkins and squashes (dictionary or online). Does the name match the meaning?

Using two sets

- Use as Montessori three part cards.
- Match up the correct orientation like a puzzle (some are trickier than others).

Venn Diagram

category 1

category 2

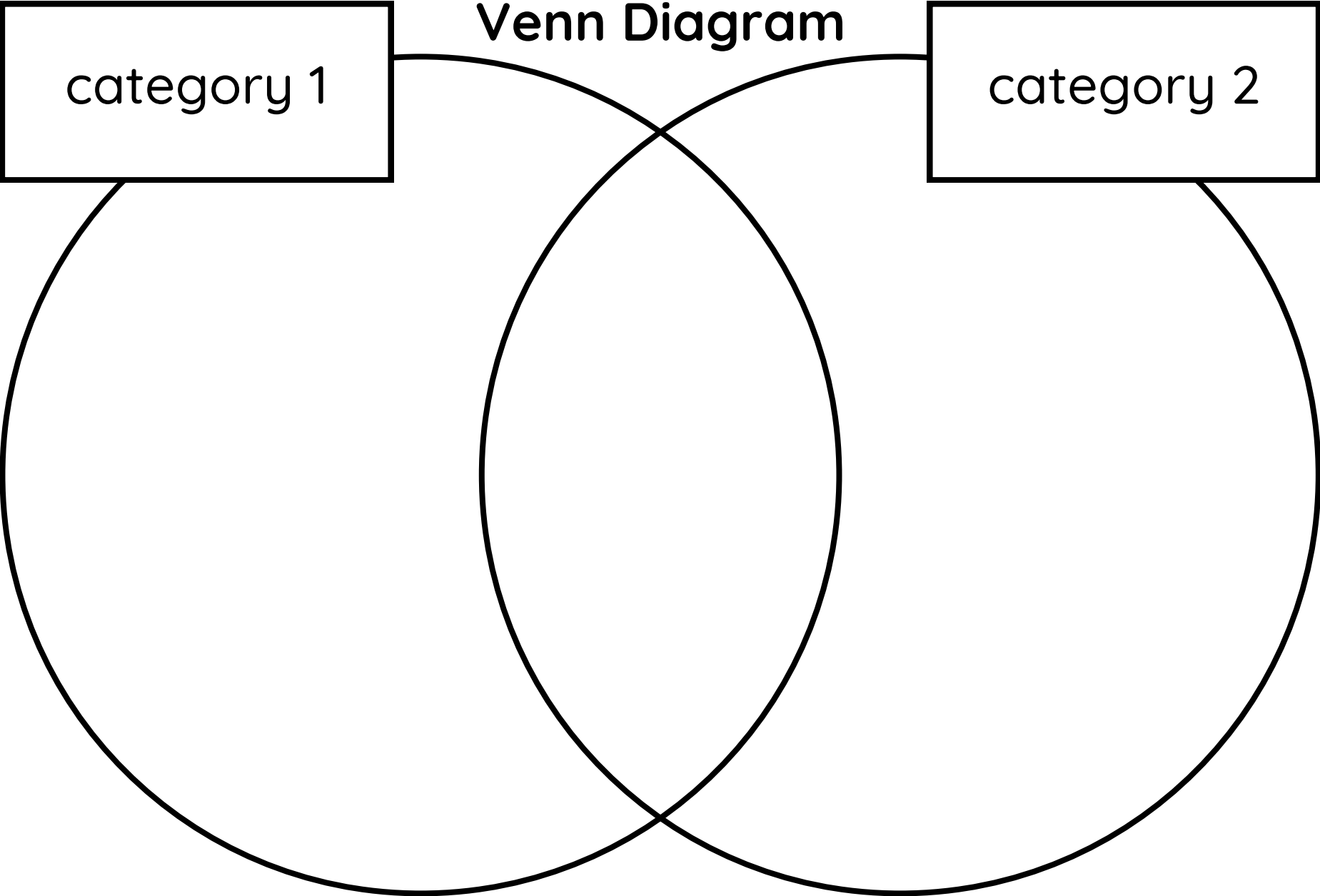
Venn Diagram

sorting category ideas

orange	green	white
cream	light	dark
smooth	ribs	bumps

Add a category to each side of your Venn diagram. Pick a pumpkin or squash and then decide whether it fits into just the first category on the left, just the second category on the right, it may fit in both categories and go in the middle overlapping circles or it may sit outside the circles and not fit any category.

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