

A dump-and-clump activity is a vocabulary categorization activity. In this particular lesson, you want to introduce the fact that authors use words for intentional purposes and that all words are connected to other words in a variety of ways. Cut apart these cards, then distribute one set to each group of 2-5 students. Students should categorize the cards in any way they see fit. When time is called (roughly 5-7 minutes later, or use your own professional judgment), groups explain how they categorized the words and their purpose behind their categorization.

Anteater	Sloth	Hedgehog
Fur	Eggs	Mammals
Live young	Cheetah	Kinkajou
Hyena	Elephant	Camel
Rhinoceros	Lemur	Gorilla
Orangutan	Kangaroo	Chinchilla
Sea lion	Guinea pig	Dolphin
Bald eagle	Dalmatian	Jungle
Rainforest	Desert	Prairie
Mountains	Ocean	Canyon