

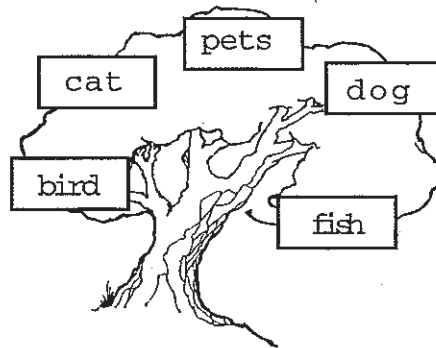
TOPIC: Adaptable  
GRADE LEVEL: Adaptable  
TIME: 15-30 min.

## LINKING WORDS

**OBJECTIVE:** The student will complete and produce original word trees showing relationships between topics.

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

1. Student Activity Sheet for each class member and/or a transparency of same (optional).
2. Overhead projector (optional).
3. Chalkboard.
4. Writing paper if necessary.



### PROCEDURE:

1. If desired, supply each class member with a Word Tree Student Activity Sheet and/or use a teacher prepared transparency of the same on an overhead projector or copy the patterns only on the chalkboard for more advanced classes.
2. Explain to the students that a word tree pattern determines the relationship of the words used, but that these types of relationships will vary with the individual students thinking process.
3. If Student Activity Sheets have been provided, ask the students to complete them. If a transparency or chalkboard is being used, ask for student responses as you complete the linking words related words according to the lines or each pattern.
4. Assign students in higher grades to develop original linking words based upon a particular subject such as American History, grammar, literature, foreign language, etc. Younger students can use topics related to grade level studies such as animals, community helpers, plants, etc. Older students can be expected to produce sophisticated patterns and relationships while younger students should be encouraged to do so, but not until more simple patterns are mastered.
5. If time allows, ask various students to come to the chalkboard and reproduce and explain their "best" linking words to other class members. More than one student can do this at a time so reproductions and explanations can be going on simultaneously to keep up class interest.

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