



EXAMPLES AND NON-EXAMPLES

Use examples and non-examples to build meaning.



THE IDEA

Examples and non-examples help students understand what a word means and doesn't mean.

They make word learning clearer and reduce confusion.



IN THE CLASSROOM

- Give clear examples.
- Give non-examples.
- Discuss why they fit or don't fit.
- Use examples from your subject.
- Let students create their own.

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INTRODUCE
THE WORD

What is a
democracy?



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SHOW
EXAMPLES

Examples: things that are democracies.



elections



people
vote



different
opinions

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SHOW
NON-EXAMPLES

Non-examples: things that are not democracies.



a king
rules



a military
dictatorship



one person
makes
decisions

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DISCUSS
AND APPLY

Why are these examples
and non-examples?



WHY IT WORKS

- Builds a clear and accurate meaning.
- Helps students notice key features.
- Reduces confusion with similar words.
- Useful in every subject.



EAL UPGRADE

Choose one key word from your next unit and give examples and non-examples.



TRY IT TOMORROW

Use examples and non-examples for one new word in your next lesson.



TEACHER LANGUAGE

"Is this an example or a non-example?"
"Why does it fit / not fit?"