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Classify This

TOPIC: Creative Thinking

OBJECTIVE: This activity encourages teams to think outside the box. The teams must rethink everyday objects and find connections to things that they would typically view as entirely unrelated.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- 20 different items that appear to have nothing in common.
- A table to display these items on.
- Pen and paper for teams to use to classify the items.

TIME: 15-20 minutes

DIRECTIONS:

- Divide the group into equal size teams (max of 5 people per team).
- Provide each group with a pen and a piece of paper.
- Instruct the teams to review the objects presented and then classify the objects into four groups. Try to be as creative as possible with the classifications, dig deeper than the surface level.
- The teams will have 10 minutes to complete this task.

DEBRIEF QUESTIONS:

- What was your initial reaction to the objects presented?
- How did your team begin to classify the objects?
- What surprised you during this activity?
- Did all team members present classification ideas?
 - Were all classification ideas considered?
 - If no, why not?
 - If yes, how did that help the team?

*****FACILITATOR NOTE:**

Each group may have vastly different conclusions, grouping by size, material, color, etc.

