

Think Differently

4 star
unleaded
coolant
diesel

spanner
screwdriver
drill
pipe

boot
transmission
carburettor
gearbox

weight
sight
length
height

screw
bolt
weld
break

plastic
steel
copper
lead

positive
earth
negative
wire

shear
split
connect
tear

expand
warm
contract
reduce

keyboard
screen
mouse
windows

sideways
backwards
otherwise
forwards

bicycle
car
bus
taxi

garage
factory
house
office

box
can
tin
map

divide
multiply
subtract
continue

brake
gear
clutch
accelerator

dispatch
produce
make
manufacture

button
knob
switch
gauge

mph
vat
cc
rpm

cord
wire
cable
rope

reservoir
solar
nuclear
tidal

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Teachers' Notes

AIM To expand and develop technical lexical items

LEVEL Upper-intermediate and advanced

TIME 1½ hours

PROCEDURE • Introduce idea of exercise by writing an example on the board:

orange
banana
elephant
apple

Ask students which one is different and why?

- Handout worksheet and explain to students that this exercise works in the same way. Students work on their own or in pairs depending on their level.
- When they have finished or can do no more, put the students in larger groups of 3/4/5 people to compare and discuss their differences.
- Teacher feedback and correction
- FOLLOW-UP (optional) The next lesson, ask one student to come to the front and sit facing the rest of the class. On a flashcard show one of the words (but the student at the front must not be able to see) and ask the other students to explain the word so that he/she will guess it. Do 2 or 3 more words, then change the student at the front and continue.

ANSWERS:

1. **Coolant** is not a fuel
2. A **pipe** is not a tool
3. **Boot** is not a mechanical part used for the movement of a car
4. **Sight** is not a dimensional measurement
5. To **break** is not a verb meaning to attach two (or more) objects together
6. **Plastic** is not a metal
7. An electric **wire** can contain a positive, a negative and an earth wire
8. To **connect** is opposite to the others which all involve a detachment
9. **Warm** is a change in temperature not (necessarily) a change in size
10. **Windows** is an operating program, the others are hardware
11. **Otherwise** is not a one-directional movement
12. A **bicycle** does not have an engine
13. A **house** is not normally a work place
14. A **map** is not a container
15. To **continue** is not a mathematical operation
16. **Gear** is not one of the three pedals in a manual car
17. You **dispatch** a finished product, all the others are the process of making the product
18. A **gauge** displays a level, it does not control something
19. **VAT** (Value Added Tax) is not connected with cars and engines
20. **Rope** cannot carry an electrical current
21. A **reservoir** is not a form of energy production