

Word Association

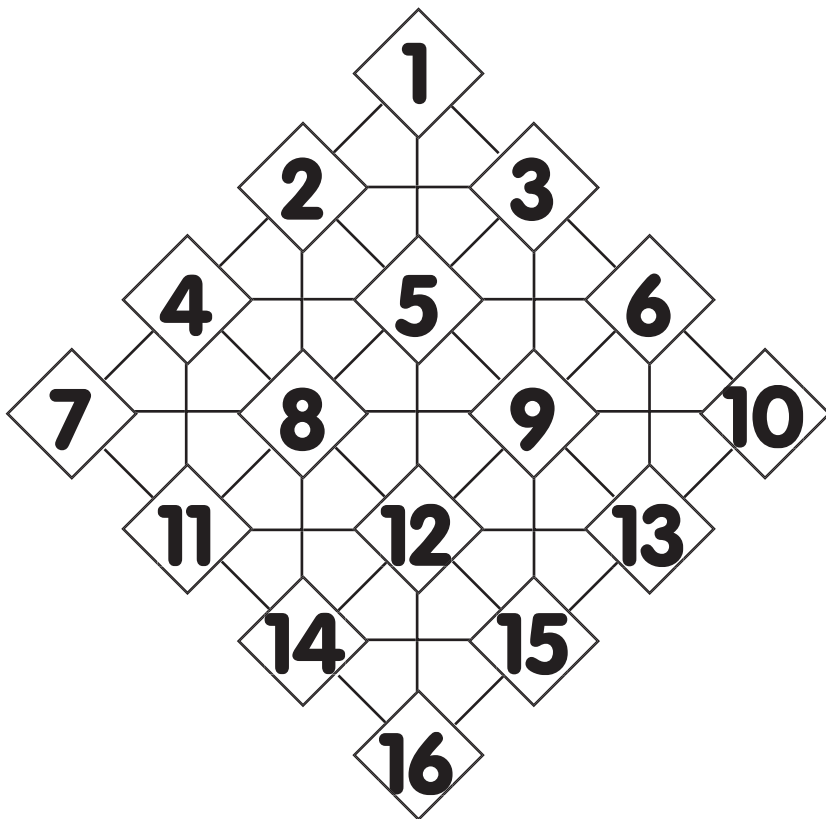
Overview: Students pretend to take a psychological word association test and make-up “personal stories” that connects two unrelated words.

Preparation: Make a copy of Word Association for each student.

What to do: Students (or you) create a list of 16 unrelated words and write that list down in the Association List section. Next, have the students choose 8 two-number combinations and write the words associated with those two numbers in the Combination List section.

Use the grid below to choose the two-number combinations. Combinations are made by choosing a number and any adjacent number.

Example: 8-12 is an acceptable combination whereas 8-3 is not.



Once the students have their list, it's time to play 'Psychologist'. Ask a student the first word in one of their combinations. Then ask what the second word is. Now say something like “Why does A make you think of B?”

Example: The student's combination is CAT and PEN.

Teacher: Why does CAT make you think of PEN?
Student: When I was a child, I had a cat. One day, my cat ate my favorite pen.

Ask questions (or have other students ask questions) like a psychologist would.

Student B: How old were you when this happened?
Student: I was 7.

Student C: Why was it your favorite pen?
Student: I got it for my birthday.

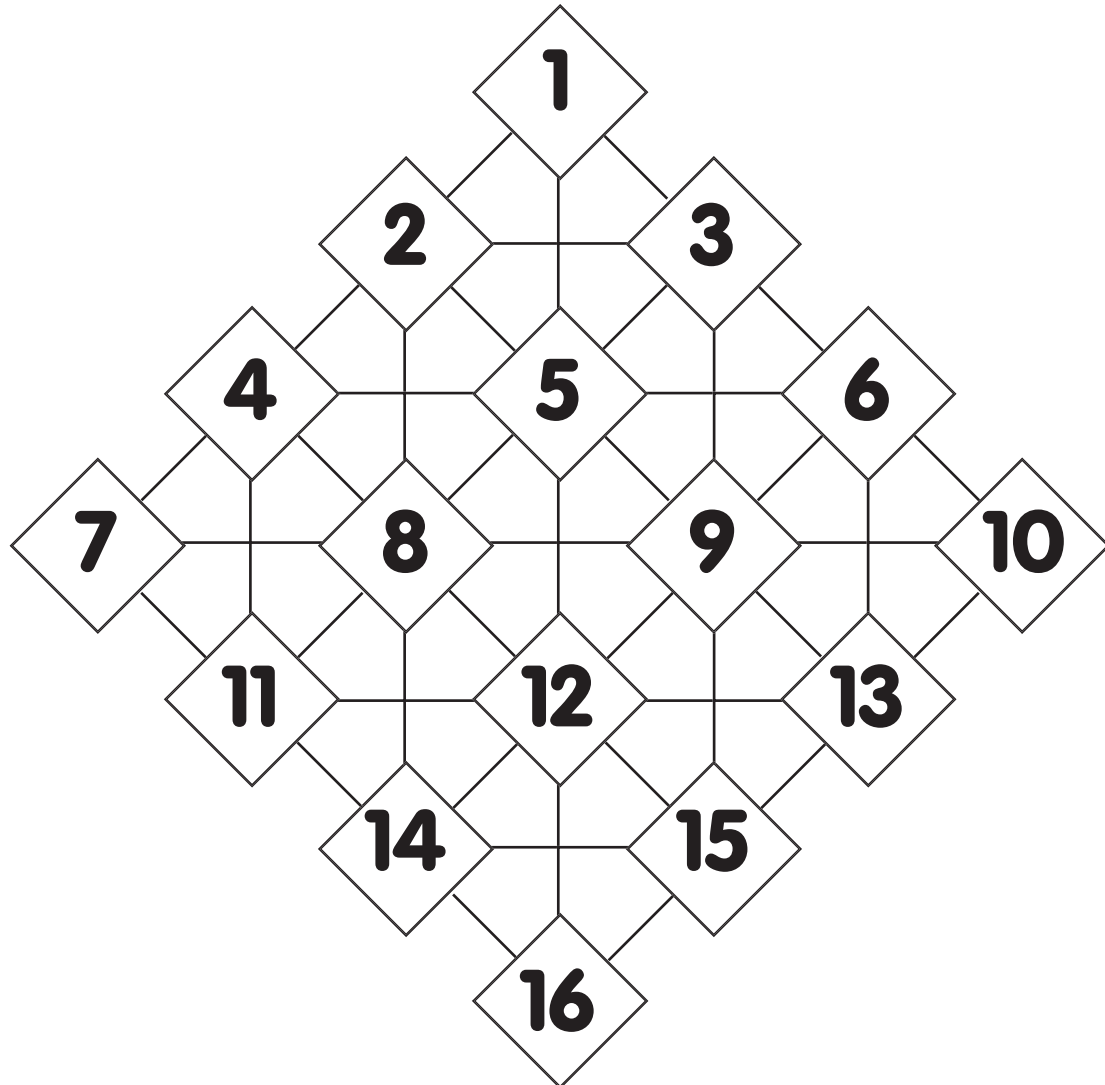
Encourage students to have fun.

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Write 16 unrelated words in the ASSOCIATION LIST.

Next, choose 8 two-number combinations and write those word combinations in the COMBINATION LIST.

Think of how the two words are associated with each other and tell your story.



Association List

1 _____	9 _____
2 _____	10 _____
3 _____	11 _____
4 _____	12 _____
5 _____	13 _____
6 _____	14 _____
7 _____	15 _____
8 _____	16 _____

Combination List

___ - ___	_____
___ - ___	_____
___ - ___	_____
___ - ___	_____
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