

# Word Learning Strategy: Semantic Overlap

**Semantic overlap** occurs when words fit into similar categories due to common features but are not synonyms of one another.

## Examples:

hand



nose



eyes



*Semantic Overlap: Hand, nose, and eyes are all body parts that have to do with the sense. They are external body parts. You can live without each one of these senses.*

*All of these parts function in their own way, are a part of different systems in the body, and assist a human in different ways.*

The words are classified in our brain into categories. They are stored in our mental lexicons and help us form associations when new words are learned.

Vocabulary word is dwellings.

1. Teacher asks students to brainstorm types of dwellings.

## Types may be:

**apartment, tents, yurts, camper, trailer, house, mansion, dormitory,**

2. Class/group discusses ways these words are all alike and charts them on a Venn Diagram.
3. Group discusses ways these words are different and charts them on the Venn Diagram.
4. Further discussion may be had about who and why/when people live in these various dwellings.