

Semantic Feature Analysis Sheet

This handout will serve as a guide for students as they learn how to use semantic feature analysis. The grid includes key words (left column) that relate to the features of a topic in the text (top row). Entries in the top row should be edited to coincide with the text to help students organize the information in the most appropriate category headings.

Sample Semantic Feature Analysis Grid: Examples and Features of Mammals

	Has Hair or Fur	Vertebrate	Lives on Land (terrestrial)	Lives in Water (aquatic)	Able to Fly	Herbivore (plant eater)	Carnivore (meat/ animal eater)	Omnivore (eats plants and animals)	Marsupial (pouch)	Produces Milk
Bear	+	+	+	—	—	—	—	+	—	+
Bat	+	+	+	—	+	+	+	—	—	+
Lion	+	+	+	—	—	—	+	—	—	+
Seal	+	+	—	+	—	—	+	—	—	+
Kangaroo	+	+	+	—	—	+	—	—	+	+
Whale	+	+	—	+	—	—	+	—	—	+
Ferret	+	+	+	—	—	—	+	—	—	+
Human	+	+	+	—	—	—	—	+	—	+

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Topic: _____