

Semantic Features

For each group of words below, there is one word that can be distinguished from the others based on a single semantic feature. Circle the word that is different from the others and state what the semantic feature is that distinguishes it from the remaining three words. (Note: There may be more than one correct answer.)

Ex: herbal tea orange juice water coffee

Answer: "Coffee" is distinct from the others in that it is [+caffeine], whereas "herbal tea," "orange juice," and "water" are all [-caffeine].

1. sesame pistachio cashew macadamia
2. broccoli spinach cauliflower avocado
3. seitan tofu mutton tempeh
4. Stash Folgers Lipton Celestial Seasonings
5. garlic barley grapes agave
6. sauerkraut pickles cole slaw kimchee
7. popcorn chocolate marshmallow graham cracker
8. egg bacon granola cake
9. poultry pig beef mutton
10. Froot Loops Cheerios Apple Jacks BooBerry

Homophony or polysemy?

1. bolt a flash of lightning a sudden dash or movement
2. dab to pat with something soft a small flat fish
3. chip to cut or chop with an axe a piece of potato cut and fried in oil
4. ear a part of the body the spike of a cereal plant (e.g. ear of corn)
5. fan a tool to create a current of air a person enthusiastic about something
6. face part of the body the surface of an object
7. draft a current of air/wind the forced enlisting of soldiers
8. rail a bar of metal or wood to complain vehemently
9. bear to give birth to to tolerate
10. light not heavy well-lit, not dark
11. nag a female horse s.o. who pesters s.o. to do something
12. ruler person who rules, governs a tool for measuring
13. sink a vessel for washing, with a drain to fall to the bottom of water