

Same Word, Different Meanings

An activity of "Give words richer meanings".

The same word can mean different things to different people. Read "Give words richer meanings" (page 25, *What's Up* May 2026) for examples.

ON YOUR OWN

1. Complete the word frames below for the words "crazy", "change" and "rules".

| CRAZY | |
|---|---|
| <i>The definition of this word according to me:</i> | <i>What I associate this word with:</i> |
| <i>How I feel about this word:</i> | |

| CHANGE | |
|---|---|
| <i>The definition of this word according to me:</i> | <i>What I associate this word with:</i> |
| <i>How I feel about this word:</i> | |

| RULES | |
|---|---|
| <i>The definition of this word according to me:</i> | <i>What I associate this word with:</i> |
| <i>How I feel about this word:</i> | |

IN YOUR GROUP

2. Compare your word frames with your groupmates' word frames. How different or similar are theirs to yours? What does this tell you about the way different people understand words?
3. Create a word frame combining all that your group members have written and display it in the classroom. Despite everyone having the same three trigger words, look at the variations in responses!