

Lesson 5 Sort Your List

Making a list can really help a writer collect ideas. Sometimes, making a list isn't enough, though. Sometimes, it is helpful to organize the items on a list so they make more sense. Look at Trey's list about grapefruit again. Some of Trey's words tell how the fruit looks and tastes. Some of Trey's words tell how he likes to eat it.

grapefruit:
sour
sweet
sprinkled with sugar
pink
broiled
juicy

grapefruit:	How it looks and tastes	How I eat it
	sour	sprinkled with sugar
	sweet	broiled
	pink	
	juicy	

Trey rewrote his list. He moved some items around and added some labels.

Now, look at Maya's list. She is still getting ready to write about toads. Could Maya's list be more helpful? Show how you would move items or add labels to make Maya's ideas more organized.

toads:	_____
brown	_____
lumpy	_____
warts?	_____
What do they eat?	_____
Where do they live?	_____

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Look back at the list you made about a food on page 13. What kinds of words are on your list? Sort the items on your list so that the list is more organized. You might want to add labels, like Trey did, or just write the items in a different order.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Imagine that you must write about an animal for science class. Choose an animal. Then, list all of your ideas about that animal in the first column. After you make your list, look at it closely and see how you might sort the information. Write your organized list in the second column.

List of ideas

My sorted list

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____