

**Two simple activities that teach
21st century skills**

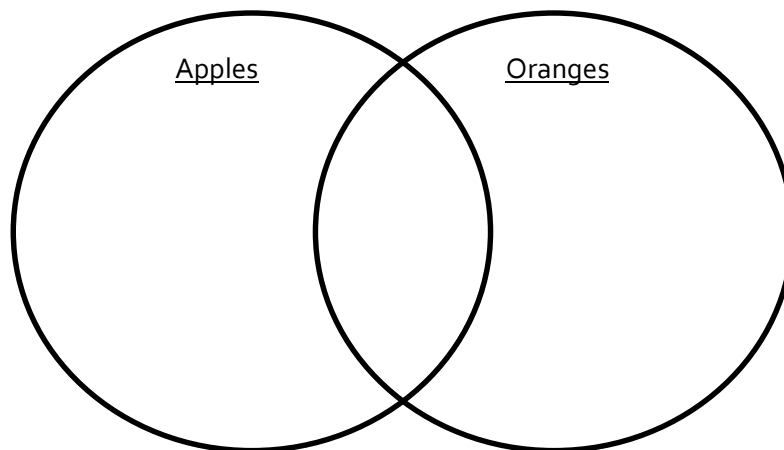
Activity 1:

Critical Thinking and Collaboration

Venn diagrams can help to promote critical thinking and collaboration. The resource below can be used when practising vocabulary and descriptive words. Learners use collaboration, communication and creative skills when they are comparing and contrasting objects. This can easily lead on to explaining and giving reasons, which is useful for analyzing ideas, compiling information and identifying concepts to be compared. This in turn leads to critical thinking.

Instructions

1. Prepare two circles (see below)
2. Ask the students to work in pairs to sort the descriptive words.



Activity 2:

Creativity and Communication

To help develop creative and communication skills, you can use simple objects from your classroom, for example, a paperclip. This activity can be linked to the language focus of '-ing' making, creating and so on..

Give each learner a paperclip and tell them that have to think of 20 ways in which the paperclip can be used. They must use their imagination but you can give them some prompts: 'making a necklace, mending glasses', etc.

Put the students in groups of four and get each group to share their ideas, once complete. You can also teach the language phrases 'You can make...' 'You can use it to...'

You can then try this activity with other objects, such as too a pipe cleaner, a rubber band and so on.