

## VISUAL SYNECTICS

### General Description:

Students synthesize their knowledge of a concept by comparing it to an unrelated object or picture.

### Advance Preparation:

- Cut pictures of everyday objects or activities from magazines, catalogs, or advertisements. Make enough cards for each group to have 3-4 different pictures. A mix of nature/organic pictures and man-made objects or activities provides a wide range of choices for students.
- Mount the pictures on large index cards.
- Laminate the cards for durability.

### Directions:

1. Randomly distribute 3-4 cards to each group or place the cards face down and let each group select one card from the pile.
2. Working together, students brainstorm all the ways the concept is like the object or activity in their picture. For example:
  - Compare parts and materials.
  - Compare functions.
  - Compare properties.
  - Compare positive and negative aspects.
3. Share the picture and explain the connections made by the group.

