

Lesson 1: Organizing Things into Categories ORGANIZE THE JUNK DRAWER	Week 1
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INVESTIGATION QUESTION

How can the same group of items be sorted in more than one way, and does it matter which system you use?

PREDICTION

I predict I will find _____ groups. I think items will sort most naturally by:

MY TWO SORTING SYSTEMS

Sort the items once, then scramble and sort again using a completely different rule. Record both below.

System 1 — Group Name	Items in This Group	System 2 — Group Name	Items in This Group

Outliers — items that did not fit anywhere:

Outlier Item	What I Did With It	Why

ANALYSIS

1. Which of your two systems would help you find something faster? Explain why.

2. Why does every good organizing system need a plan for items that do not fit?

3. Could someone else look at your system and know where to find things? What makes a system clear enough for others to use?

CONCLUSION

Circle one: There (IS) / (IS NOT) one single correct way to sort things.

Evidence from this experiment:

Reasoning:
