

## But My Peach Was Sweet

In this discussion, students are talking about ways of organizing their favorite lunch foods. Although the categories that students suggest leave many possibilities for overlapping, the teacher is careful not to impose groupings, instead allowing students to make their own decisions about how the lunch data go together.

**Maddy:** I think the pizza people should all be together. That's me and Justine and Luke.

**Ida:** Some people liked the same things, like cookies. We should be in a group, too.

**Jacob:** I like my dessert the best, and today it was a brownie. So I could go in the cookie group, too.

**Can you say why you think your brownie goes with the cookie group?**

**Jacob:** Well, it's sort of like a cookie. Sometimes I have cookies for dessert too.

**Is there a way to describe foods like cookies and brownies?**

**Kadim:** We could say sweet things.

**Ravi:** They're all things you have for dessert.

**Shanique:** And they're things I like! We could say it's things you like.

**Renata:** I think we should call it dessert.

**I've heard a few suggestions for types of groups. Maddy suggested the PIZZA group and a couple of people suggested a DESSERT group.**

**Let's start some groups. The people who think they belong in the PIZZA group, sit over here next to the bookshelf. The people who think they belong in the DESSERT group, come sit by the game shelf.**

**Kadim:** I think we should have a sweet group, too.

**Henry:** I had a peach as my favorite thing, but it's not the same kind of dessert as cookies.

**Felipe:** I think I go with Henry. I have an apple and that's fruit.

**Renata:** We should have a *fruit dessert* group and a *sweet dessert* group.

**Henry:** But my peach was sweet.

**So which group would your peach go in?**

**Henry:** A peach is more like an apple than it's like a cookie, so I'll go in the fruit desserts.

**Kadim, you had the idea for a SWEET group. How does this sound to you?**

**Kadim:** Well, I had peanut butter and fluff as my favorite and it's sort of sweet, but I think I go with Thomas. He has peanut butter too.

**You have lots of interesting ideas about how things go together. Let's add the FRUIT DESSERT group and the PEANUT BUTTER group. Then we can see which people go where, and who is left.**

### Our Favorite Lunch Foods

pizza	popcorn	chocolate milk	fruit chews
pizza	peach	p. b. & jelly sandwich	juice box
juice box	pizza	cookies	granola bar
brownie	strawberries	fruit roll-up	apple
chips	macaroni & cheese	cookie	cake
popcorn	string cheese	p. b. & fluff sandwich	lemonade