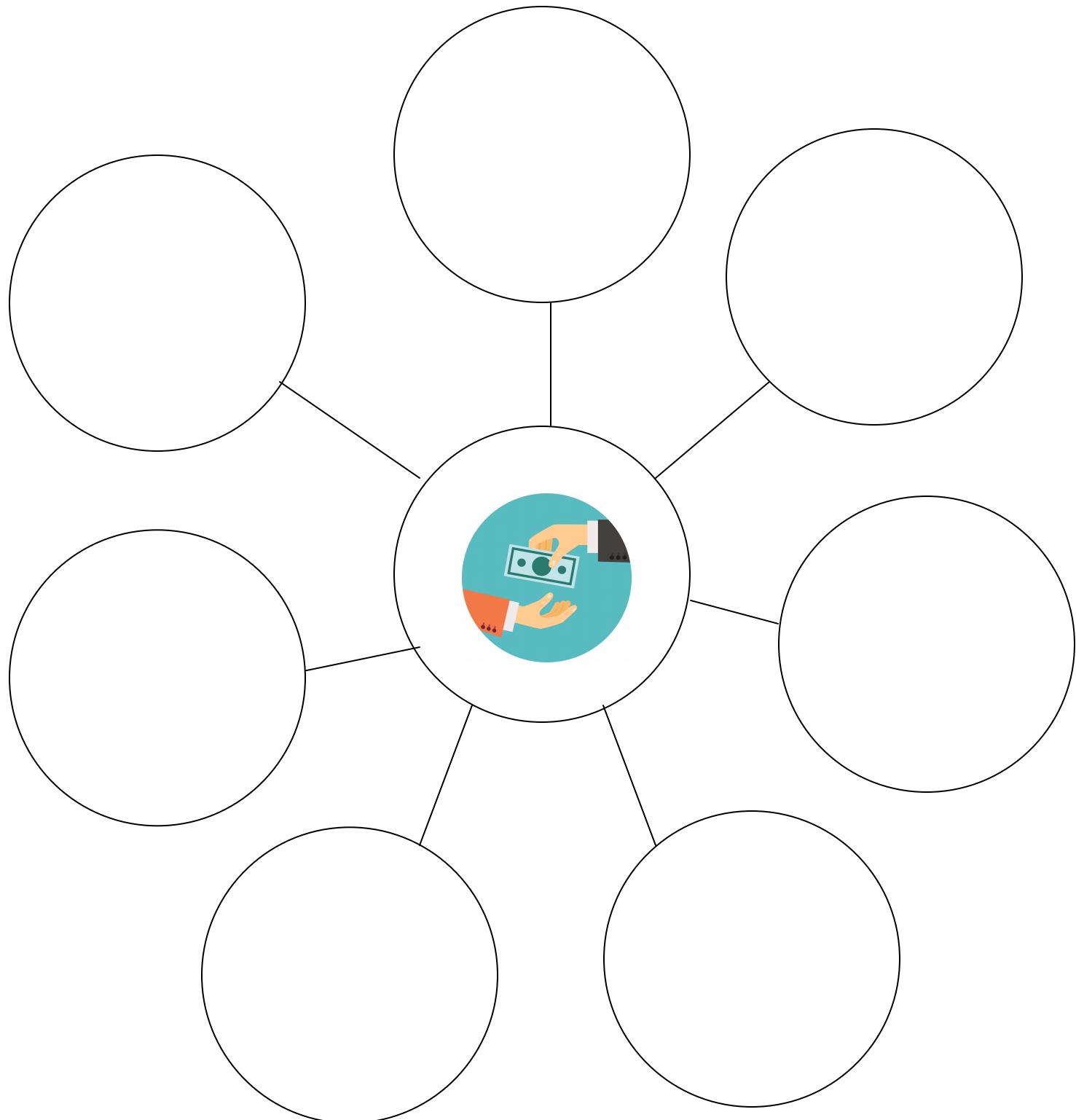


Things We Often Borrow Or Lend

What things do people commonly borrow or lend? List and compare answers.



“Lend” and “Borrow”

Lend is used when the person of the sentence is giving the item to another (person) to use...
ALSO: Lend almost always is accompanied by an “object pronoun” in the sentence. – “He lent her, He lent a camera to her... etc”

Borrow is used when the person in the sentences is asking or being “lent”/given something to use and almost NEVER has an object pronoun in the sentence. You cannot say... “He borrowed me, he borrowed to me... etc”

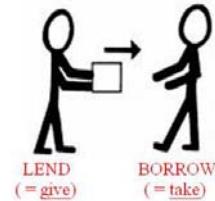
Example:

Object Pronoun

Karen lends Tom her bike every Tuesday. = She is allowing/giving permission to Tom to use her bike.

versus

Karen borrows a bike every Tuesday. = She is being “lent” or given permission to use another’s bike.



Now do the exercises

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- Andy wanted to fifty dollars for his school trip to the city.
- Are you going to your mother’s camera for the trip?
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- Don’t bother coming if you won’t us a hand with the painting.
- Can I the car for the weekend, please?
- He’s going to his cousins his flat in New York for the summer.
- Did Johnny the money to buy his new motorbike?
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Answer Key

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Lend or Borrow?

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