

# INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES



## T-Chart

A T-Chart is a graphic organizer that looks like the letter "T" and is used to sort information into two categories. It is a highly adaptable strategy that can be used across all subjects and grade levels.

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### Summary

The T-Chart is an easy-to-use graphic organizer that can be used across subjects to record any information with two parameters—for example: concept & example, pros & cons, prediction & outcome, character & traits, cause & effect, before & after, word & definition, word & picture, or quote & analysis. The possibilities are truly endless! Students can present this information using words, phrases, or pictures, depending on the activity.

### Procedure

1. Determine what types of information you want to be recorded.
2. If you wish to have students record information independently or in small groups, provide students with a T-Chart handout that has two columns, or have them draw their own T-Charts. They can draw their own by folding a sheet of paper in half vertically and tracing the fold line, then adding a horizontal line across the top to make the "T" graphic organizer.
3. If you wish to record information as a whole class, create the T-Chart on the board or anchor chart paper, or project a digital version.
4. Invite students to label a header for each of the columns. Information in the left column may correlate directly to information across from it in the right column (for example, word & definition). If there is no direct correlation (as with pros & cons), students may organize their lists according to whatever criteria they prefer.

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