

Semantic Field Theory in Teaching Vocabulary in English

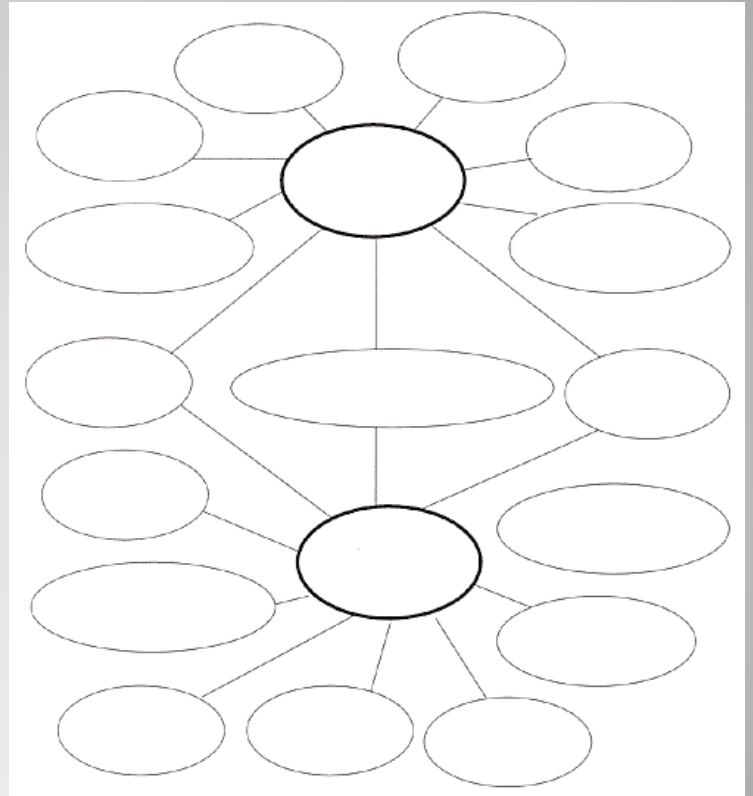
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Wilkins

“Without grammar, little can be conveyed;
without vocabulary, nothing can be
conveyed” (1972)

Semantic fields

Lexical items are grouped in certain fields under various criteria



Obstacles

- Vocabulary: 22 terms
 - Time: 4*40min
- Number of students: 7
 - Level: elementary

Step 1

Diagnostics



paralel bars

belly crawl

tires

rope

low wall

weaver

high wall

swing

wire

hanging tires

cargo net

spider wall

balance logs

vaults

ramp

tunnel

ditch

fence

island hopper

tarzan

Correct answers	Percentage
6 from 22 points	27%
11 from 22 points	50%
10 from 22 points	45%
6 from 22 points	27%
9 from 22 points	40%
4 from 22 points	18%
9 from 22 points	40%

Step 2

Visualisation

Step 3

Collocation

Step 4

Practice

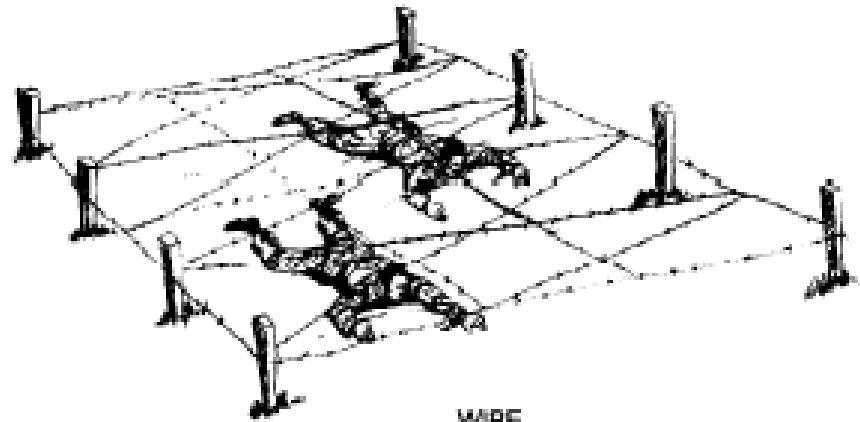
OBSTACLES FOR CRAWLING



TUNNEL

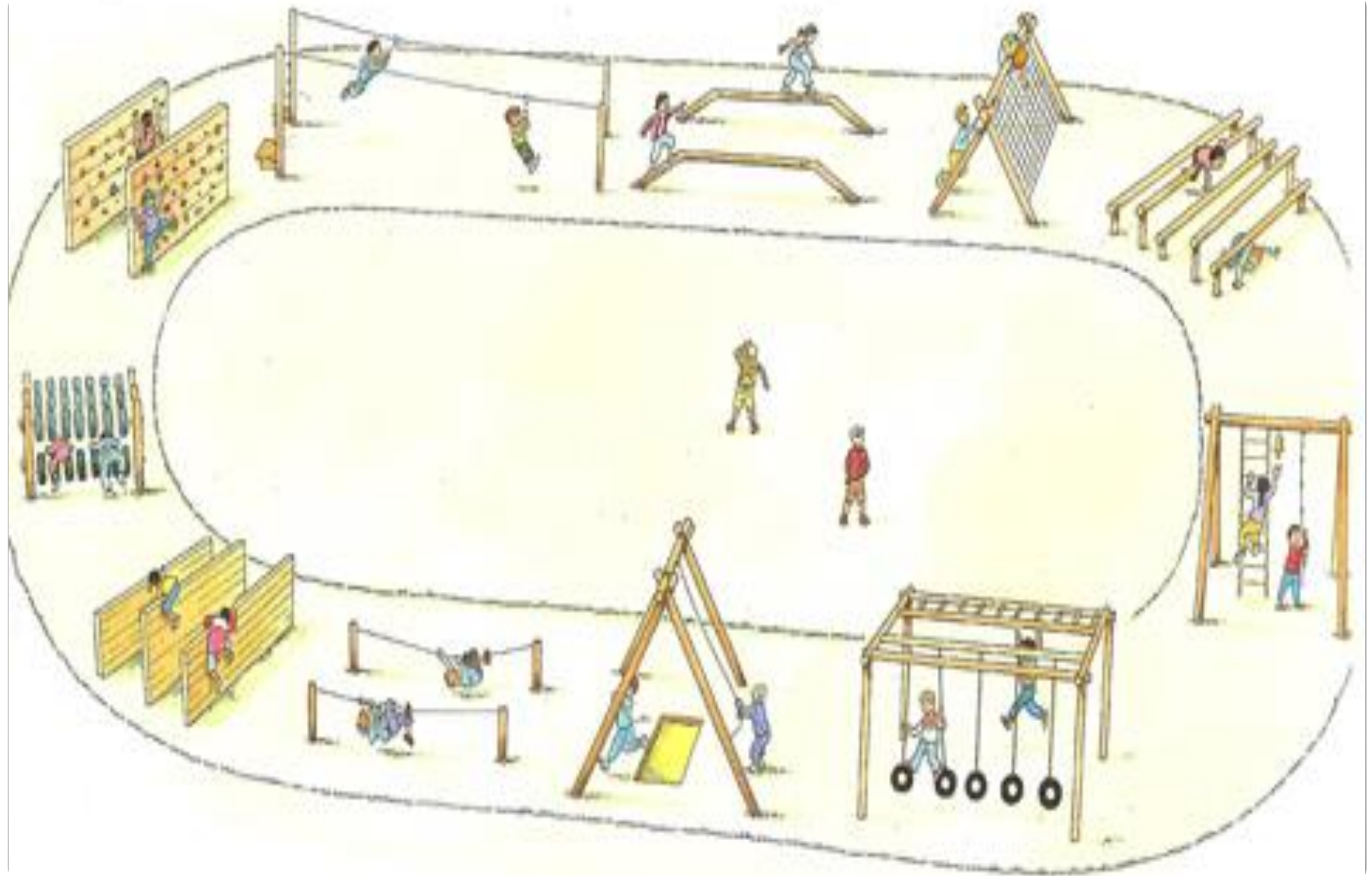


LOW RAIL



WIRE

Figure 8-5



Correct answers	Percentage	Correct answers	Percentage	Growth
6 from 22	27%	42 from 44	95%	68%
11 from 22	50%	36,5 from 44	83%	33%
10 from 22	45%	43 from 44	98%	53%
6 from 22	27%	41 from 44	93%	66%
9 from 22	40%	34 from 44	77%	37%
4 from 22	18%	40 from 44	90%	72%
9 from 22	40%	41,5 from 44	94%	54%

Semantic Field Theory

Obstacles Can't Stop You
Problems Can't Stop You
Most of All
Other People Can't Stop You

The Only One Who Stops You
is Yourself

