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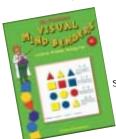


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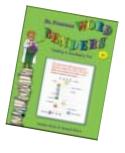
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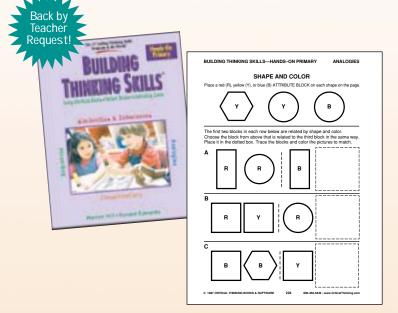
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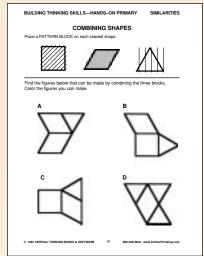
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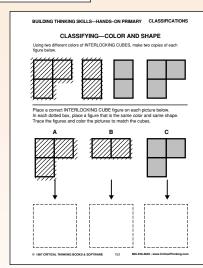
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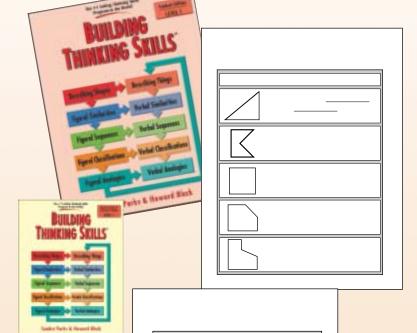
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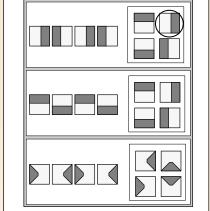
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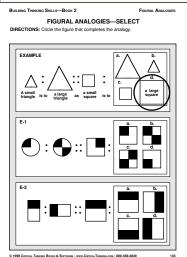
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adverb. Underline the one that is the opposite of the first adverb

afterward	a. before	b. later	c. next
barely	a. amply	b. hardly	c. scarcely
maybe	a. perhaps	b. possibly	c. surely
deeply	a. intensely	b. hardly	c. greatly
	maybe	maybe a. perhaps	maybe a. perhaps b. possibly

OPPOSITES—SUPPLY

G-37	add
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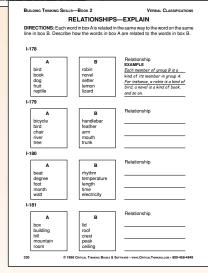
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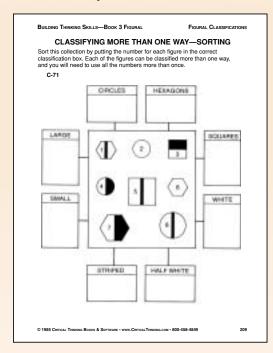
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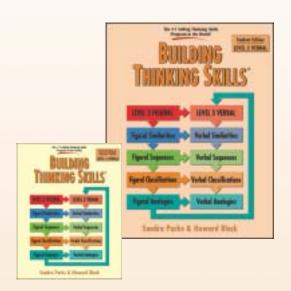
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B-204	lesson, rehearsal,	
B-205	cause, situation,	
B-206	early, prompt,	
B-207	mix, cook,	
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