

Running Card sort study

Materials

- List of energy uses 'things that use energy around the home'. Generated by a separate pool of participants as per (Baird & Brier, 1981).
- Blank cards
- Pens
- Post-it notes to label group
- Note pad
- Poly pockets
- Stop watch
- Stapler

Procedure

Present the cards laid out so all are visible (randomise each time)

Here are cards; each card has something that uses energy around the home, please sort the cards into piles and put things that you think belong together. There are no right or wrong answers; I'm interested in what you think so just go with your gut instinct.

The only rules are that you can't put every single card in its own pile and you can't put them all in one pile, but other than that you can sort them however you think they go together. Feel free to change your mind at any point.

So before you carry out the task, I want you to take out any on the cards that you don't think should be there or any one you don't want to use.

Then hand them the post –it notes

Now I want you to try and give the groups a name, it can sometimes be a bit tricky so don't worry if you find this difficult. We can talk about it if you like.

Make notes to the reasoning behind groups

Hand them the blank cards

Now do you think there is anything missing from these groups? Here are some blank cards, so please try to think of some other things that use energy around the home that are not on these cards. Please write down anything you think belongs in these groups or in their own group.

**** these extra cards were not included on data set**

Staple piles and collate individual participants' data.