

Settings (free version)

This is where the Instructions and Thank You screens can be customized. The settings include login prompt, maximum number of participants allowed, and randomizing the cards.

The screenshot shows the 'Settings' tab in the WebSort.net interface. The study is titled 'Census Card Sort Test' and is limited to 10 participants. The settings are as follows:

- Study is Active:**
- Max participants:** 0
- Close after:** (empty field)
- Randomize order of items:**
- Allow unsorted items:**
- Login prompt for identification:**
- Participant login label:** card.sorting@census.gov
- Language:** English
- Logo:** websortlogo.png

The 'Instructions' section is visible, showing the following text:

INTRODUCTION:
We are conducting research that will help us gain a better understanding of how our web site should be organized and make it easier to use.

INSTRUCTIONS:
On the left, you'll see a list of items. Click on the items to drag them onto the empty white area in the middle of the screen. A category will appear, and the item will be placed inside it. Repeat with the remaining items, grouping items that belong together.

When participants are finished, the user can choose to 'Send them to an external page' or 'Display a 'Thank You' message'. The 'Thank You' message is currently set to: 'Thank you for your time and participation. You may now close this browser window.'

Email Containing the Link

The Usability Lab sends the Card Sort link to the participants via e-mail.

Instruction Screen

The instructions are the first thing the user sees after clicking the link. The instructions are then hidden.

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INTRODUCTION:
We are conducting research that will help us gain a better understanding of how our web site should be organized and make it easier to use.

Please enter your e-mail address when prompted. There is no password.

INSTRUCTIONS:
On the left, you'll see a list of items. Click on the items to drag them onto the empty white area in the middle of the screen. A category will appear, and the item will be placed inside it. Repeat with the remaining items, grouping items that belong together.

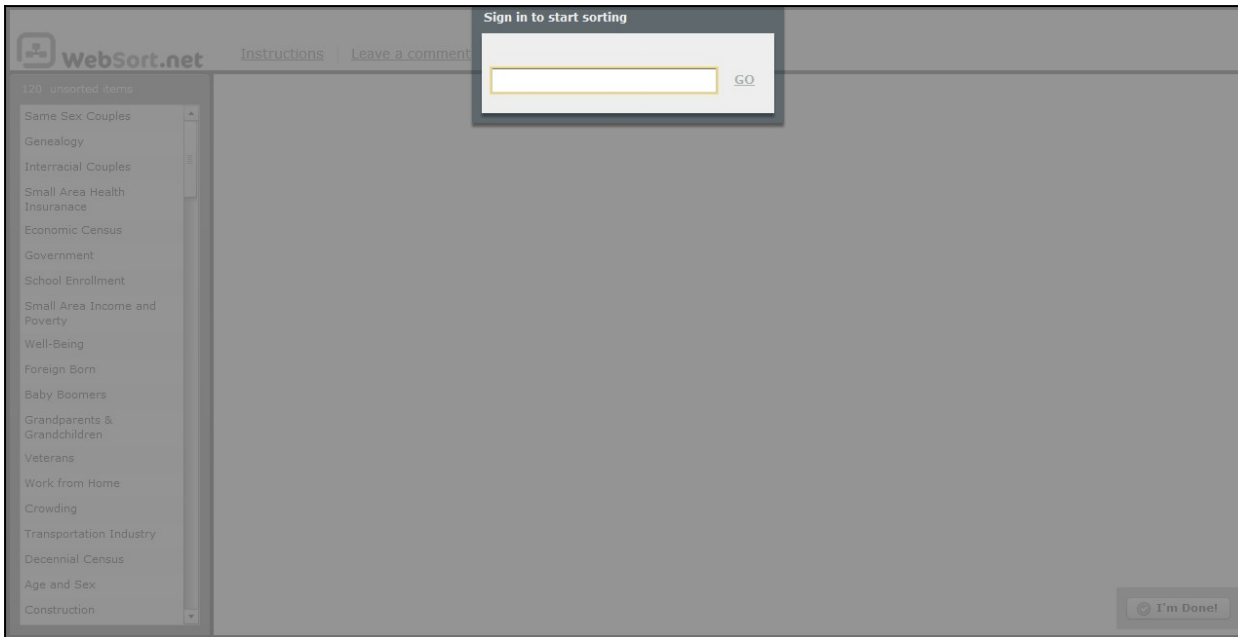
What items belong together? Think of where you expect to find these items on a web site. Then name each group with a word or words that describe the set of items it contains.

There is no right number of groups, but make sure

The 'Instructions' screen is displayed over a list of 120 unsorted items, including: Disability, Redistricting Data, American Indian & Alaska Native, Small Area Income and Poverty, Business Concentration Ratios, Information & Communication Technology Industry, 2000 Census, Construction, 2012 Economic Census, Economic Surveys, Survey Fraudulent Activity & Scams, Work from Home, Wholesale Trade, Geography, Emergency Preparedness, Computer & Internet Use, Well-Being, and International Countries. A 'Hide' button is visible in the top right corner of the instructions panel, and an 'I'm Done!' button is visible in the bottom right corner of the main interface.

“Login” Screen

User is prompted for e-mail address, but no password is required.



User Performs the Card Sort

The user performs the card sort on this screen.

