

# Teaching Vocabulary & Icon Associations Using “Icon Family Trees”



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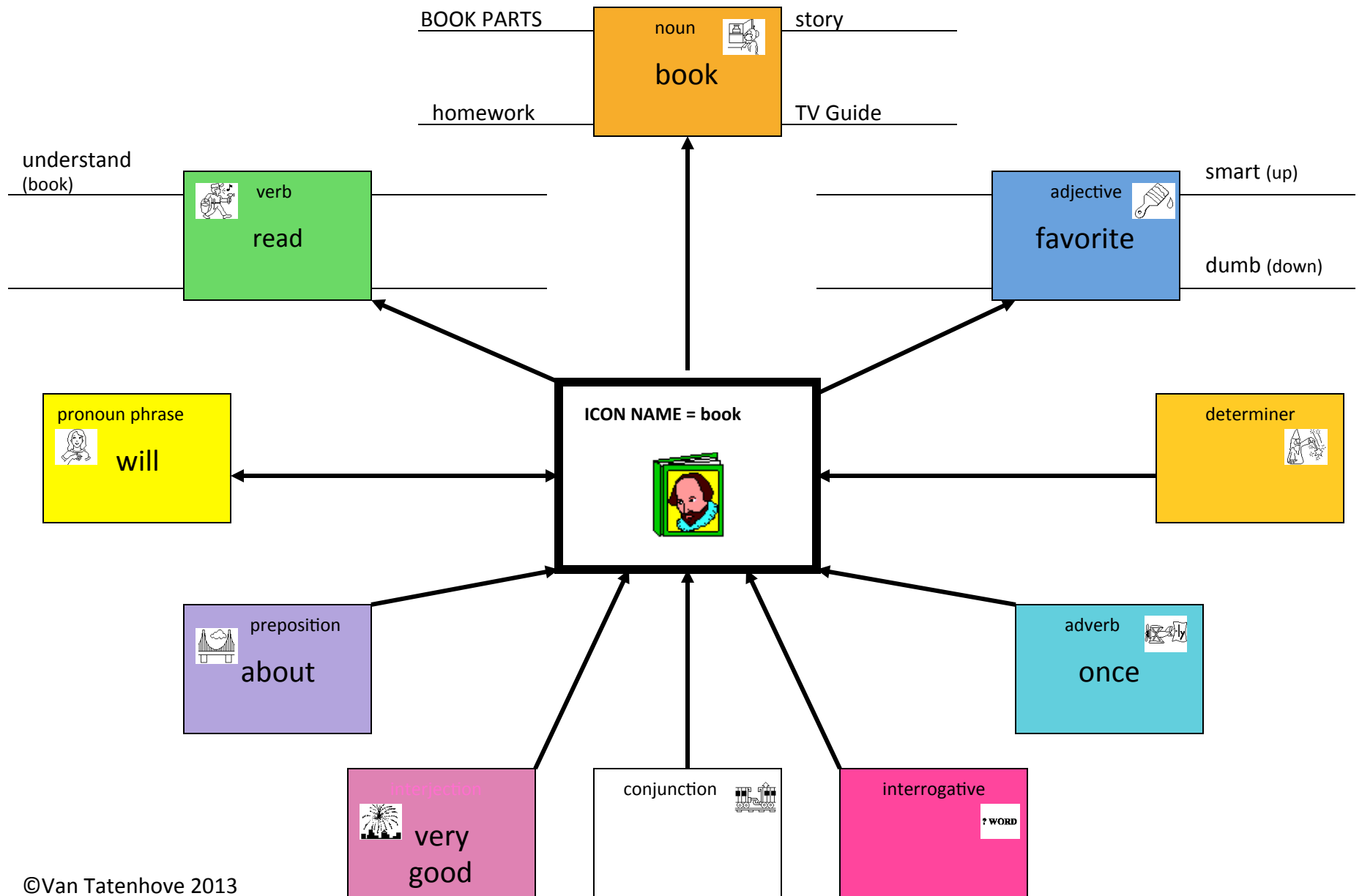
# Word Webs

- The idea of Icon Family Trees is based on the principle of word webs, also known as semantic mapping. Icon Family Trees illustrate how key words or concepts are “related.”
- Using Icon Family Trees is a great way to document vocabulary and illustrate the logic in the Minspeak system.
- Go to the next page to learn how to start making your Icon Family Trees.

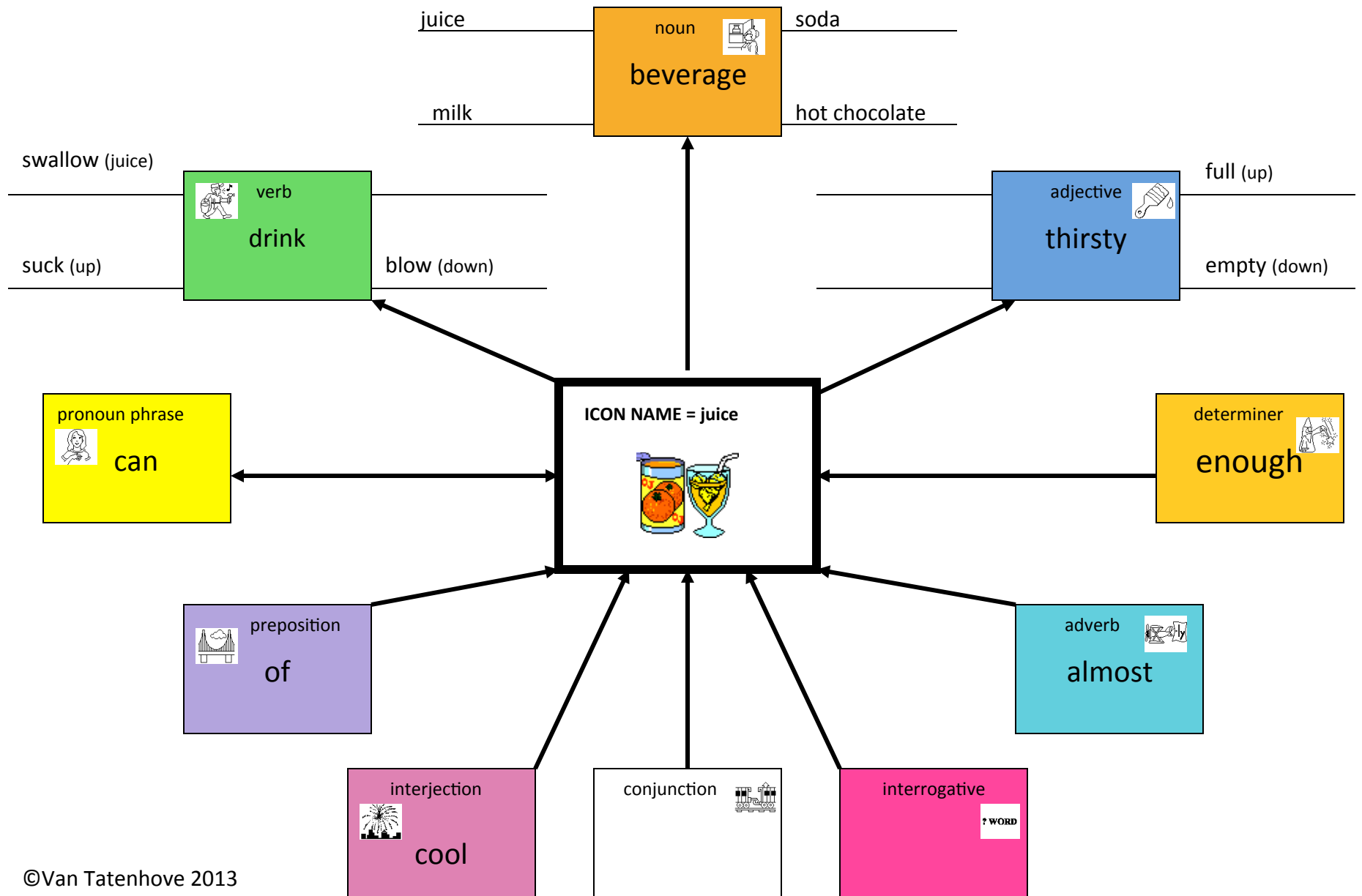
# Icon Family Tree

- Photocopy or print out the last page (blank Icon Family Tree)
- Select a **target icon**.
- Fill in the Family Tree
  - Write the name of that icon and add simple drawing into the center square. (See 2 examples on the next pages.) If you have the resources, you can make a sticker for each of the main icons on the Minspeak overlay.
  - Into each of the colored boxes, write the MAIN word coded for that part of speech. In most Minspeak programs, the target icon will be the **FIRST** icon in the sequence for verbs, adjectives, and nouns. For the other parts of speech, it will be the **LAST** icon. (There may not be a word for every part of speech.)
    - Verb = green
    - Noun = dark orange
    - Adjective = blue
    - Pronoun - Preverb Phrase = yellow
    - Determiner = lite orange
    - Adverb = light blue
    - Preposition = purple
    - Interrogative = red
    - Conjunction = white
    - Interjection = pink
  - The icon may code MORE THAN ONE verb, noun, and adjective. Write up to 4 additional words on the chart for each of these word groups, along the the second icon used to say that word. Pick the most logical ones that fit the best into the family. It will give people the idea of the relationship between the words.
- Keep the Family Trees in a ring binder or post them around your room/house. The trees can serve as a way to document vocabulary.
- Refer to the Family Trees to make up stories about the icon and the words in the family.

# Family Tree Chart - Example from Unity84 Sequenced



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