

## GROUPING SCHEME: SAMPLE MESSAGE ON SPORTS



To illustrate a grouping scheme, I'll start with a simple example:

From January to March, I play hockey in a community league. We play at the neighborhood arena.	In April and May, I like to go cycling with my family. We go out to the Gatineau bike paths a lot.	In summer, I often play basketball with my friends on weekends. A local school has an outdoor court where we play.
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**Figure 2**

At three paragraphs, there isn't a lot of challenge to organizing that message. Even so, it's useful to see how many different labels, or [abstractions](#), could be applied in such a simple message:

My Sports Activities		
hockey • winter	cycling • spring	basketball • summer

**Figure 3**

Seasons for My Sports		
winter • hockey	spring • cycling	summer • basketball

**Figure 4**

People I Do Sports With		
community league • hockey	family • cycling	friends • basketball

**Figure 5**

Where I Do Sports		
neighbourhood arena • hockey	gatineau bike paths • cycling	local school • basketball

**Figure 6**

Your choice of labels for a grouping scheme can have a profound impact on the organization of a longer message. If you run into problems with your organization structure, ask yourself if the labels you have used should be changed.