GROUP TASK

1. Read the following passage:

Classification is the process of grouping objects on the basis of identifiable attributes. Attributes can be defined as traits or characteristics of an object. Attributes can be observable or can be described according to an experiential understanding of an object’s use, purpose, etc. Objects that share the same attributes can be organized into a group and labeled. One object can have many different attributes, meaning that the same item may be grouped in many different ways depending on the trait selected for grouping.

In classifying objects there is also the notion of depth. This means that objects within a larger group can be broken down into smaller sub-groups dependent on other commonalities. The nature of the skill of classification is two-fold. First, one must be able to identify attributes and second, one must be able to create an order from seemingly abstract items based on the attributes identified.

2. You will find a variety of objects on your table. Based on the reading, work together as a group to organize these objects. You will have 15 minutes.

3. Be prepared to explain the process you went through to complete this task.