Home Canning Thesaurus

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Applesauce Fruit spread screw-on bands that attach

BT Fruits **USE Jams** these flat lids to the jars.

Boiling water canner USE Jellies BT Canning equipment

BT Canning equipment Funnel RT Jars

RT Steam Canner BT Canning equipment UF Flat metal lids

UF Water bath canner UF Wide mouth funnel UF Bands

Canning equipment Jams Mason jars

NT Funnel **BT** Fruits USE Jars

NT Jars RT Jellies Peaches

NT Jar lifter UF Fruit preserves **BT** Fruits

NT Lids UF Fruit spread **Pears**

NT Pressure canner Jars **BT** Fruits

NT Steam canner BT Canning equipment Pickles

NT Boiling water canner RT Lids NT Dill pickles

UF Canning supplies UF Mason jars NT Kosher dill pickles

Jar lifter Canning supplies NT Sweet pickles

USE Canning equipment BT Canning equipment Pressure Canner

Dill pickles **Jellies** BT Canning equipment

BT Pickles **BT** Fruits Bands

RT Jams RT Kosher dill pickles USE Lids

Flat metal lids UF Fruit preserves Steam Canner

USE Lids UF Fruit spread BT Canning equipment

Fruits Kosher dill pickles RT Boiling water canner

NT Applesauce BT Pickles **Sweet Pickles**

NT Peaches RT Dill Pickles BT Pickles

NT Pears Lids Water bath canner

NT Jams Refers to both whole and USE Boiling water canner

both the metal lids of

USE Funnel

NT Jellies two-part lids used to seal the Wide mouth funnel

Fruit preserves

jars during canning. Includes **USE Jams**

USE Jellies different sizes and the metal

Annotations

Scope/Elements of the hierarchy: The thesaurus terms are divided into two main categories: the equipment needed to preserve food at home and the types of food that can be preserved. To stay within the scope of the assignment and limit the number of terms, three broader terms (BT) were chosen: canning equipment, fruits, and pickles.

NT-BT relationships: Broader terms were chosen to help organize the process of home canning by establishing relationships to narrower terms. The BT canning equipment includes narrower terms that are required to complete this process. This includes the canners that process the food: boiling water canner, steam canner, or pressure canner, as well as the jars, lids, funnel, and jar lifter that provide a container and utensils to fill and preserve the food within jars processed by the canners. The other two NT-BT relationships provide a means to organize types of food that can be processed at home. Applesauce, peaches, pears, jams, and jellies are either fruit or fruit products that can be grouped under the broader term fruits. Dill, Kosher dill and sweet pickles are types of pickles.

RT/RT relationships: The terms jars and lids were assigned as related terms in this thesaurus because they are parts that form a whole. Combining the jar and the lid (consisting of a flat lid secured by a metal screw-on band) together produce a sealed, preserved food product. The related terms boiling water canner and steam canner are sibling terms. The difference lies in the form of the water, one uses boiling water and the other uses steam to process the jars, but the result is the same. Jams and jellies are also related terms. Jam is preserved by crushing whole fruit, adding sugar and processing it in a canner, whereas jelly uses only the juice of the fruit.

USE/UF relationships: Canning equipment more accurately describes the items that are assigned as narrower terms in this category. Therefore, I chose canning equipment as the preferred term and users are redirected from canning supplies to the preferred term canning equipment. Water bath canner is an older, outdated term thus boiling water canner was chosen as the preferred term. While fruit preserves and fruit spread both refer to jams and jellies, the latter are more commonly used. Jams and jellies were chosen as the preferred terms.