

ANALOGIES



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An analogy is a type of word problem. To solve the problem, you must find a word(s) that completes the analogy. Sometimes there seems to be nothing that is similar between the two pairs, but there always is. As you do more and more analogies, you discover different relationships that are used. This makes you much better at solving them.

An analogy is a type of word problem that often appears on standardized tests. It is made up of two word pairs. Your goal in solving an analogy is to find a word that correctly completes the second pair. Both the pairs have the same kind of relationship. To solve the analogy you need to find that relationship.

*An analogy looks like this: **puppy : dog :: kitten : cat**

*When you say it out loud it sounds like this: "puppy is to dog as kitten is to cat"

*There are different types of comparisons such as these:

1. Part to Whole, in which one word is a part or piece of the other as in
nose : face :: ace : deck of cards
2. Antonyms, words that have the opposite meaning as in
night : day :: cold : hot
3. Synonyms, words that have the same or similar meanings as in
happy : glad :: sliding : skidding
4. Description or Characteristic, in which one word describes the other word as in
sandpaper : rough :: ocean : wet
5. Item to Category, in which one word names something that falls into the group named by the other word as in
bird : blue jay :: season : winter
6. Rhyme words: **nose : hose :: dryer : hire**
7. Worker to tool: **mechanic : wrench :: programmer : computer**

There are many more types of analogies. Sometimes you just have to invent a relationship (type) that solves a certain analogy. For instance, there might be one that just counts the letters in the words. Here's an example:

nose : take :: apple : happy

Order matters! You must place the parts of the analogy in the same order on both sides of "::<". For instance, if the analogy relationship is "Whole to Part," and you place "whole" first on one side then "whole" must be first on the other side.

car : tire :: glasses : nosepiece

Now it's your turn! Complete the following analogies. Use the word bank to help.

Ungainly	Destroy	Prior	Devour	Demean
Fair	Mythical	Actor	Astute	Angry
Estimate	Trek	Bird	Sham	Tired

1. industrious : hardworking :: _____ : fake
2. solitude : alone :: _____ : clumsy
3. blush : embarrassed :: fume : _____
4. _____ : tower :: red : bread
5. day : night :: later : _____
6. plumage : _____ :: scales : fish
7. authentic : genuine :: _____ : imaginary
8. abate : decrease :: devastate : _____
9. astute : clever :: _____ : impartial
10. precise : _____ :: acknowledge : deny
11. swimmer : swimming pool :: hiker : _____
12. turbulent : calm :: _____ : unwise