Analogies – Part 1: Verbal



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What Is An Analogy?

- An analogy is a comparison between 2 different things based on 1 or more shared qualities.
- You use sound reasoning skills or logical thinking when you use "analogical thinking," and you use it ALL THE TIME in our lives!











+ Logical = Analogical Thinking











Take what you know about 1 thing or situation and apply it to another.





It's a split-second way of thinking that helps us get by in everyday life.

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Inference = Take something we know from one thing or situation and apply it to another. Making a "mental leap."





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Language is full of analogies!

Same Word in Many Situations

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I think I can...



You are my sunshine, my only sunshine... Sayings that are short-hand ways to communicate complicated ideas – comparisons to something different.

- Costs an arm and a leg.
- It's not over till the fat lady sings.
- He sailed through school.
- Don't spill the beans
- Best thing since sliced bread.
- Cry over spilt milk.
- Hit the nail on the head.
- Let the cat out of the bag.
- Off your rocker.
- Piece of cake.
- Straight from the horse's mouth.
- That stinks!



Many Think This Is All An Analogy Is!







Begin is to began as catch is to						
A. pick	ed B. caught	C. throw	D. kick	E. catched		
Hungry is to famished as tired is to						
A. awake	B. exhausted	C. energized	D. sleepy	E. sitting		

Coin : dime ::

- A. Month : June
- B. Horrible : terrible
- C. Cold : hot
- D. Quarter : dollar

Pyramid : triangular ::

- A. Ball : throw
- B. Kite : wind
- C. Velvet: scratchy
- D. Hurricane : rainy



Can You Tell Me Why?



- Merciful : Kind :: Cruel : Brutal
 - Root : Route :: Rose : Rows



- Fresh : Rotten :: New : Old
- Encyclopedia : Volume :: TV Series : Episode
- Canoe : Speedboat :: Bicycle : Motorcycle







- Saddle : horse :: bib : _____.
- Coin : nickel :: month : _____.
- Library : research :: gymnasium : _____
- Cup : liquid :: stapler : _____
- Ice cream : cold :: soup : _____.









Spider : 8 :: _____ : _____

Poor : pour :: _____ : _____.

Painter : brush :: _____ : _____





Analogy Can be Silly



Cat : Teeth :: baby : mustache







A Trick to Help You Solve Analogy Questions

- 1. Crawl : walk :: _____ : _____.
- 2. Write a sentence that describes the relationship between crawl and walk.
- 3. You must crawl before you can walk.
- 4. Crawl : walk :: _____ : _____.
 - A. sprint : run
 - B. babble : talk
 - C. big : small
 - D. cry : laugh
- 5. Apply the sentence to the answer choices to see which fits in the same way.

- 1. Famine : drought :: _____ : _____.
- 2. Write a sentence that describes the relationship between famine and drought.
- 3. Famine is caused by a drought.
- 4. Famine : drought :: _____: ___.
 A. starvation : desert
 B. sharing : love
 C. seasickness : voyage
 D. hungry : wasteful
- 5. Apply the sentence to the answer choices to see which fits in the same way.



A Trick to Help You Solve Analogy Questions

Let's do these together:

- 1. Counselor : advise :: ______ : _____.
- 2. Write a sentence that describes the relationship between counselor and advise.
- 3.
- 4. Counselor : advise :: ______ : _____.
 A. teacher : write
 B. chauffer : drive
 C. receptionist : sit
 D. doctor : study
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- 5. Apply the sentence to the answer choices to see which fits in the same way.

- 1. Paws : pause :: _____ : _____.
- 2. Write a sentence that describes the relationship between paws and pause.
- 3. _____
- 4. Paws : pause :: ______: _____.
 A. dog : snout
 B. pain : pane
 C. foot : feet
 D. cat : cats
- 5. Apply the sentence to the answer choices to see which fits in the same way.

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m Common Verbal Analogy Relationships

- 1. Same (but different color, number, size, orientation if picture)
- **2.** Antonym (down : up, happy : sad)
- **3.** Synonym (happy : glad, small : tiny)
- 4. Homonym (route : root, time : thyme)
- 5. Tool : Action (pen : write, basketball : dribble)
- 6. Tool : Object it's used with (hammer : nail)
- 7. Category: Object in Category (fish : salmon, insect : ant)
- 8. Effect: Cause (flood : rain, sickness : germs)
- 9. Cause: Effect (rain : flood, practice : improve)
- 10. Increase Intensity (talk : yell, warm : hot)
- 11. Decrease Intensity (boil : simmer, ecstatic : happy)
- 12. Sequence (childhood : adulthood, May : June)
- 13. Fact : Opinion ("It's 93 degrees." : "It's hot outside.")

- 14. Action : Thing acted upon (play : piano)
- 15. Action : Subject acting (dance : ballerina)
- 16. **Object : location** (car : garage, stove : kitchen)
- 17. **Object : User** (chalk : teacher, conductor : baton)
- 18. Member : Group (wolf : pack, student : class)
- 19. Parent : Offspring (dog : puppy, cat : kitten)
- 20. Noun : related adjective (elephant : enormous)
- 21. Verb Tense (walk : walked, buy : bought)
- 22. Rhyme (please : tease, beg : leg)
- 23. Sets (peanut butter : jelly, shoes : socks)
- 24. Problem : Solution (itch : scratch, dirty : wash)
- 25. Place : Worker (school : teacher, plane : pilot)
- 26. **Part : Whole** (trunk : tree, alphabet : letter)

(blue = most common)

27. Step : Process (spell check : edit)



Tips for Solving Verbal Analogy Questions

Build your vocabulary skills.

The more words you know and understand, the easier these questions will be. Build your vocabulary by reading, going over vocabulary lists, learning definitions of words, along with synonyms and antonyms.

Watch out for distractors.

The people who write tests will try to trick you by putting in answer choices that seem right at first but aren't. One way they do this is by including answers that are similar in use, genre or in the same category as the first two words.

Pen : author ::

- A. Saw : carpenter
- B. Pencil : paper
- C. writer : essay
- D. Book : Bookstore

The answer is A – A pen is a tool used by an author and a saw is a tool used by a carpenter. But answers B, C and D include answers that are related to pens and authors, so they may trick students who paying close attention.



Tips for Solving Verbal Analogy Questions When You Don't Know What a Word Means

Hangar : airplane ::

- a. Cat : kitten
- b. Garage : car
- c. Airport: reservation agent
- d. Teacher : class
- a) A cat : kitten is a parent : offspring relationship. Airplanes don't have parents so that can't be the answer.
- b) A garage is a place : object relationship. Could that be it? Maybe?
- c) A reservation agent works at an airport, so this is a place : worker relationship. An airplane isn't a worker, so this doesn't make sense. Also, by including an airport, that might be a distractor!
- d) This is a member : group relationship. An airplane isn't a group.

The only possible answer seems to be b) so choose that even if you aren't sure what hangar means.

If you don't know what one of the words in the analogy means (such as "hangar,") use reasoning skills to eliminate answers that you know are wrong. Then make your best guess.



More Tips for Solving Verbal Analogy Questions

Watch out for order of words!

Rain : flood :: _____

- A. Illness : germs
- B. Cavities : sugar
- C. Scratching : itching
- D. Practice : improvement

All of these are cause : effect or effect : cause relationships. The words in the analogy are in cause : effect order. Only choice D is in cause : effect order. So that is the answer.

Look for parallel answer choices.

Music : melodious :: potpourri : _____

- A. Flowers
- B. Orchestra
- C. Fragrant
- D. Bowl

If the analogy is presented as noun : verb :: noun : _____, then you are looking for an answer that is a verb. Even if you don't know what potpourri is, the order of the analogy is noun: adjective :: noun : _____. So we need an adjective for our answer. C is the only possibility, even if you aren't sure what potpourri means.



More Tips for Solving Verbal Analogy Questions

Sometimes it may appear there is more than 1 good answer choice. Look for the BEST answer choice.

Cantaloupe : strawberry :: polar bear :: _

- A. North Pole
- B. South Pole
- C. Seals
- D. Arctic wolf

Cantaloupe and strawberries are specific types of fruit. A polar bear is a specific animal that lives in the Arctic. Seals and Arctic wolves do as well. But Arctic wolves are even more specific, so that is the BEST choice.







Let's Try a Few!

Coward is to hero as victim is to _____. a. crime b. chicken c. bully d. scared e. timid

Photographer is to portrait as biographer is to _____. a. fiction b. words c. celebrity d. drawing e. life story

Stomach is to food as lungs are to _____.

a. Trachea b. air c. chest d. throat e. breathe

Anxious is to nervous as confident is to _____. a. Unsure b. meek c. bold d. shy e. quiet

Hurricane is to wind as blizzard is to _____.a. rainb. sunc. windd. snowe. hail

Curb is to street as coast is to _____. a. pedal b. ocean c. mountain d. valley e. hill







...And a Few More!

Mutter is to talk as shuffle is to . b. jump c. run d. yell a. walk e. hop

Historian is to history as archaeologist is to _____. a. music b. rock c. science d. art e. culture

Ancient is to modern as history is to . a. present b. past c. future d. class e. books

Thanksgiving is to November as Halloween is to .

a. September b. October c. Fall d. November e. Winter

Dairy is to milk as protein is to _____. a. apple b. radish c. steak d. butter e. lettuce





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 - Choose Verbal Analogies
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 - Choose Analogy Galaxy

Bubble Sheet Lesson - 48 Total Questions	~
Primary Battery (Kindergarten-2nd Grade) - 850 Total Questions	~
Multi-Level Battery Verbal (3rd-8th Grade) - 1336 Total Questions	~
Multi-Level Battery Nonverbal (3rd-8th Grade) - 573 Total Questions	~
Multi-Level Battery Quantitative (3rd-8th Grade) - 1397 Total Questions	\sim



Next Week – Part 2 – Non-Verbal Analogies



Analogies that use shapes and figures instead of pictures and words.