

Analogies

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An **analogy** is a comparison between two sets of word pairs in which the words in each pair share similar relationships. By studying the relationship of words in analogies, you can better understand their meanings. Use the following steps to study and interpret analogies.

Step 1: Identify the relationship between the first pair of words. Ask yourself: How are these words related? Write a sentence expressing the relationship.

EXAMPLE WARM : COOL *Warm is the opposite of cool.*
 ARTIST : CREATIVE *An artist is someone who is creative.*
 PILLOW : SOFT *A pillow is very soft.*

Step 2: State the relationship between the two pairs. Again, write it as a sentence.

EXAMPLE *Warm is the opposite of cool, just as _____ is the opposite of _____.*

Step 3: Test possible answers by plugging words into the sentence.

- **Fill-in-the-blank problems:** Brainstorm one word that completes the sentence so that the second relationship is *exactly the same* as the first relationship.
- **Multiple choice problems:** Test each answer choice in your sentence. Select the pair that best completes it.

EXAMPLE: ANALOGY PROBLEMS

<p>Directions: Write a word that completes the analogy.</p> <p>PIANO : INSTRUMENT :: coffee :</p>	<p>Directions: Choose the word pair that best matches the relationship shown in the first word pair.</p> <p>RAIN : DROUGHT</p> <p>A. weak : strong</p> <p>B. nutrition : illness</p> <p>C. shower : bathtub</p> <p>D. tennis : sport</p>
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Step 4: Review your choice. Reread the completed analogy. Check to make sure the second relationship is exactly the same as the first relationship.

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Here are some common types of relationships used in analogies:

Type	Example
synonyms	odd is to unusual as normal is to ordinary
antonyms	unknown is to famous as fragile is to unbreakable
word to quality	surprise is to unexpected as crime is to unlawful
sequence	preview is to movie as appetizer is to dinner
item to category	snake is to reptile as bear is to mammal
cause and effect	fire is to smoke as joke is to laughter
degree	dislike is to hate as admire is to idolize
tool and user	wrench is to plumber as axe is to logger
object and action	bat is to swing as lasso is to throw
product and producer (or source)	lumber is to trees as gasoline is to oil
part and whole	finger is to hand as spoke is to wheel

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Practice and Apply Choose the answer that **best** completes the analogy.

1. IDLE is to BUSY as *wealthy* is to
 - a. occupied
 - b. angry
 - c. impoverished
 - d. rich

2. PLEASED is to THRILLED as *upset* is to
 - a. injured
 - b. displeased
 - c. excited
 - d. anguished

3. TOURIST is to VISITS as *detective* is to
 - a. decides
 - b. investigates
 - c. arrives
 - d. imprisons

4. PENICILLIN is to MEDICINE as *mustard* is to
 - a. disease
 - b. aspirin
 - c. beverage
 - d. condiment

5. INSTRUMENT is to MUSICIAN as *scalpel* is to
 - a. surgeon
 - b. politician
 - c. songwriter
 - d. singer

6. CAR is to DRIVE as *golf club* is to
 - a. ball
 - b. burn
 - c. drop
 - d. swing

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A. Practice and Apply Choose the answer that **best** completes the analogy.

1. ARTIFICIAL : NATURAL :: perfect :
 - a. unwanted
 - b. unnatural
 - c. improved
 - d. flawed

2. ANNOUNCER : MICROPHONE :: hockey player :
 - a. gymnasium
 - b. television
 - c. ice
 - d. stick

3. TREACHEROUS : DANGEROUS ::
 - a. unsafe : safe
 - b. awful : exceptional
 - c. immense : large
 - d. freezing : boiling

4. CHEF : KITCHEN ::
 - a. clerk : restaurant
 - b. cook : store
 - c. inspector : room
 - d. chemist : laboratory

B. Practice and Apply Complete each analogy below by filling in an appropriate word.

5. UNHAPPY : FROWN :: pleased : _____

6. MANSION : HUT :: mountain : _____

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Review An **analogy** is a comparison between two word pairs where each pair has a similar relationship. The words within a pair may be antonyms, for example, or show a cause-and-effect relationship. To complete an analogy, identify the relationship between the first pair of words. Select words that create a similar relationship for the second pair.

Practice and Apply Read the example. **Complete** each analogy using word pairs from the list. Then, **rewrite** the analogy using symbols.

comical : humorous	shovel : dig	field : grass	timid : courageous
ignition : start	ambitionless : goals	equator : earth	coach : team

EXAMPLE The *median* divides a *highway* just as the equator divides the earth. MEDIAN : HIGHWAY :: equator : earth

- Rigid* and *flexible* are antonyms just as _____ and _____ are antonyms.

_____ : _____ :: _____ : _____
- Well-known* and *prominent* are synonyms just as _____ and _____ are synonyms.

_____ : _____ :: _____ : _____
- A *carefree* person has no *worries* just as a(n) _____ person has no _____.

_____ : _____ :: _____ : _____
- A *scalpel* is used to *cut* just as a _____ is used to _____.

_____ : _____ :: _____ : _____
- A *conductor* leads an *orchestra* just as a _____ leads a _____.

_____ : _____ :: _____ : _____