



Study Island 7.5 Pathways

Study Island *Study Guide*

Word Relationships



Analogies

An **analogy** is a comparison between two pairs of words. It shows a relationship between the words that are being compared. Analogies can use different types of relationships to compare words. Review the following examples.

Part/Whole

Dallas is to Texas as Chicago is to Illinois.

Peel is to banana as shell is to almond.

Item/Purpose

iPod is to play music as shovel is to dig holes.

Arms is to hold as legs is to walk.

Antonym

Liquid is to solid as lumpy is to smooth.

Appetizing is to tasteless as courageous is to cowardly.

Synonym

Reveal is to expose as conceal is to cover.

Help is to assist as deceive is to mislead.

Characteristic

Hard is to **diamond** as **silky** is to **petal**.

Sandy is to **beach** as **furry** is to **cat**.

Association

Airplane is to **sky** as **ship** is to **sea**.

Gasoline is to **automobile** as **sunlight** is to **plant**.

Object/Location

Tree is to **forest** as **dog** is to **kennel**.

Student is to **school** as **picnic table** is to **park**.

Cause/Effect

Necessity is to **invention** as **virus** is to **illness**.

War is to **treaty** as **overeating** is to **weight gain**.

A common way to write analogies uses colons. For example, "**donkey** is to **bray** as **snake** is to **hiss**" can be written as:

donkey : bray :: snake : hiss

Tip: The order in which the items in a relationship appear is important to the meaning of the analogy. For example, the following analogy is **WRONG**:

caterpillar : butterfly :: frog : tadpole

Practice!

Question 1: Read the analogy and choose the item that correctly completes it.

milk : cereal :: butter :

- A. refrigerator
- B. fat
- C. bread
- D. knife

Explanation: The correct answer is choice C. Milk is something that is commonly poured on cereal, and butter is something that is commonly spread on bread. The items relate to each other by the way they are commonly eaten. The relationship between the pairs of words is "association."

Practice!

Question 2: Read the passage below, and answer the question that follows.

In the case of an emergency like a natural disaster, people should have supplies ready. An emergency kit should include fresh water, food, a source of light, a source of heat, first aid supplies, a radio, and cleaning supplies. The most important item to have in an emergency kit is fresh drinking water. Emergencies like tornadoes, floods, and earthquakes often damage and pollute local water sources. The kit should have enough water for each person in the group to have one gallon per day for up to two weeks.

Which best completes the analogy?

Water is to **emergency kit** as

- A. **words** is to **book**.
- B. **hurricane** is to **flood**.
- C. **violence** is to **peace**.
- D. **darkness** is to **cave**.

Explanation: The correct answer is choice A. Water is important in an emergency kit, and words are important in a book. The relationship between the items in each pair could be described as "part/whole" or "association."

Synonyms and Antonyms

A **synonym** is a word that has the same or almost the same meaning as another word. An **antonym** is a word that means the opposite of another word.

Synonyms

Synonym = Same

They both start with an **S**!

examples:

enemy and **foe**

sword and **saber**

compliment and **flatter**

journey and **voyage**

sink and **basin**

Antonyms

Antonym = Opposite

They both start with a **vowel**!

examples:

timid and **fierce**

clever and **foolish**

generous and **stingy**

nimble and **clumsy**

elated and **depressed**

Practice!

Sample Questions

1) Replace the underlined word with a **synonym**.

I understand the speaker.

- A. dislike
- B. comprehend
- C. misunderstand
- D. enjoy

Explanation: "I understand the speaker" means the same thing as "I comprehend the speaker," so "understand" and "comprehend" are synonyms. The answer is **B!**

2) Replace the underlined word with an **antonym**.

Stapling 1,000 books by hand is very tedious work.

- A. simple
- B. difficult
- C. interesting
- D. boring

Explanation: An antonym is a word that means the opposite of another word. Find a word that means the opposite of "tedious." Something that is NOT tedious is "interesting." The answer is **C!**

Tip:

Replace the underlined word with each answer choice. If the meaning of the sentence is the same, then you've found a synonym. If the meaning of the sentence is the opposite of what it was before, then you've found an antonym.