

Analogies

Understanding Word Patterns



Word Analogies

-  Analogies develop logic.
-  Analyze two words and identify the **relationship** between them.
-  Find another pair of words that has the **same relationship**.



Analogy construction

FIND : LOCATE :: lose : misplace

Colon stands for the phrase

“is related to”

FIND [is related to] LOCATE

LOSE [is related to] MISPLACE

Double colon (::) stands for

“in the same way that”

Or simply—FIND is to LOCATE as
lose is to *misplace*.

Types of Analogies

 What's the relationship?

 **DRY : ARID :: lost : mislaid**

 Both words have similar meanings so this relationship is a **synonym**



Types of Analogies

 What's the relationship?

 **KIND : CRUEL :: happy : sad**

 Both words have opposite meanings, so their relationship is an **antonym**.



Types of Analogies

What's the relationship?

CHAPTER : BOOK :: fender : automobile

A *chapter* is a **part** of a *book* just as a *fender* is a **part** of an *automobile*.

Part and Whole

What happens if you switch **book** and **chapter** in this analogy?

BOOK : CHAPTER :: fender : automobile

Invalid analogy



Part and Whole continued

 What's the relationship?

 **POEM : STANZA :: play : acts**

 It's still **Part and Whole**, but this time the whole comes first. We could call it **Whole and Part**.



Types of Analogies

 What's the relationship?

 **MIRROR : SMOOTH :: sandpaper : rough**

 *Mirrors* are **characteristically smooth** just as *sandpaper* is **characteristically rough**.

 **Characteristic/Quality**



Types of Analogies

What's the relationship?

POLKA : DANCE :: frog : amphibian
BIRD : CARDINAL :: house : igloo

A *polka* may be **classified** as a *dance*; a *cardinal* is **classified** as a *bird*.

Classification



Types of Analogies

What's the relationship?

GIFT : JOY :: rain : flood

TEARS : SADNESS :: smiles : joy

A *gift* can **cause** *joy*; *tears* are an **effect** of *sadness*.

Cause and Effect



Types of Analogies

What's the relationship?

KNIFE : CUT :: shovel : dig

The **function** of a *knife* is to *cut*.

Function



Types of Analogies

 What's the relationship?

 **FISH : SEA :: moose : forest**

 A *fish* can be **found** in the *sea*, just as a *moose* can be **found** in a *forest*.

 **Location**



Types of Analogies

 What's the relationship?

 **CHUCKLE : LAUGH :: whimper : cry**

 These words differ in **degree**. One is more intense than the other.

 **Degree**



Types of Analogies

What's the relationship?

CASHIER : CASH :: plumber : pipe

A *cashier* works with *cash*, just as a *plumber* works with *pipes*.

Performer and a related object



Types of Analogies

What's the relationship?

AUTHOR : WRITE :: chef : cook

You expect an *author* to *write*,
just as you expect a *chef* to *cook*.

Performer and a related action

Types of Analogies

What's the relationship?

BOIL : EGG :: throw : ball

You *boil* an *egg*, just as you *throw* a *ball*. (In these items, the object always receives the action.)

Action and a related object

