

ANALOGIES

Analogies are vocabulary questions, but actually, they require more than just knowing the meaning of the words. Analogies ask you to find out the relationships between pairs of words.

DIRECTIONS:

Each question below consists of a related pair of words or phrases, followed by four or five pairs of words or phrases labeled A through D/E. Select the pair that best expresses a relationship similar to that expressed in the original pair.

EXAMPLE:

CRUMB: BREAD::

- A. candle : light
- B. fire : spark
- C. hillock : mountain
- D. splinter : wood
- E. milk : butter

The correct answer is (D)

EXPLANATION:

First find the relationship between the given pair of words, and then look for the pair of words among the answers that has the same relationship.

A CRUMB is a very small piece that falls from or breaks off from a piece of BREAD.

In choice (D), splinter is a very small piece that breaks off or splits away from a piece of wood. None of the relationships between the two words in the other choices is similar to the relationship between CRUMB and BREAD:

- Candle emits light; it is not a small piece of a candle.
- Spark can cause fire. Fire is not a piece of a spark.
- Hillock and mountain have a relationship of small and large.
- Milk is what butter is made from, but butter is not a small piece of Milk.

STRATEGIES

Explanation of the preceding example gives three clues:

- You must know the meaning of the words.
- You should be able to express the relationship between the two words in the question in a sentence.
- You should be able to express the relationship, in the correct answer, by using the same sentence for substituting the words.

To answer Analogy questions, start by making up a sentence that expresses how the two words in the question are related. Then try to insert the words from each choice in your sentence to see which pair makes the most sense.

Take the example:

ALBUM : PHOTOGRAPHS ::

- A. head : cap
- B. bulb : light
- C. compact disks : CPU
- D. shelf : books
- E. pen : paper

Make up a sentence that expresses the relationship between the two words in the question. Your sentence may be

"An ALBUM is a place for saving PHOTOGRAPHS"

A _____ is a place for saving _____

Put in the words from the choices. the pair that makes the most sense in the sentence is the correct answer.

- A. A head is a place for saving caps.
- B. A bulb is a place for saving light
- C. A compact disk is a place for saving CPU.
- D. A shelf is a place for saving books
- E. A pen is a place for saving papers.

Only choice (D) makes sense. It is the right choice.

RELATIONSHIPS

To practice the relationships between the pair of words, write a sentence highlighting the relationship on a separate piece of paper, for each pair of words below.

(Use a dictionary for words new to you.)

PAIRS

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|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Viola : Instrument | 2. Mansion : House | 3. Teacher : School |
| 4. Microbe : Disease | 5. Minnow : Fish | 6. Tree : Forest |
| 7. Bold : Foolhardy | 8. Brake : Automobile | 9. Herd : Elephant |
| 10. Tractor : farm | 11. Tailor-made : Suit | 12. Patriotic : Country |
| 13. Head : Helmet | 14. Composer : Music | 15. Flock : Bird |
| 16. Hospital : Doctor | 17. Carpenter : Saw | 18. Bulldozer : Construction |
| 19. Miser : Stingy | 20. School : Fish | 21. Lair : Bear |
| 22. Runners : Sled | 23. Elegy : Mournful | 24. Actor : Stage |
| 25. Snake : Fangs | 26. Pride : Lion | 27. Pack : Wolves |
| 28. Venison : Deer | 29. Alliance : Nations | 30. Cricket : Commentator |

ELIMINATE WRONG CHOICES AND GUESS:

In case, you don't know the correct answer, eliminate any choices that you know are wrong and guess from those remaining.

SOLVED EXAMPLES**Directions:**

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The right answer of each question has been given at the end of each question.

1. IRON : BLACKSMITH ::

- A. cotton : cloth
- B. food : gourmet
- C. clay : potter
- D. silver : miner
- E. gold : miser

The right answer is C.

Test sentence:

A BLACKSMITH uses IRON to make things.

A _____ uses _____ to make things.

18. COLLAGE : IMAGES::

- A. cement : building
- B. medley : songs
- C. furniture : sofa
- D. grains : tree
- E. book : volumes

The right answer is B.

Test Sentence:

IMAGES are composed of COLLAGES.

_____ are composed of _____.

16. FISH : SCALES ::

- A. book : papers
- B. snake : fangs
- C. bird : feathers
- D. car : wheels
- E. cat : claws

The right answer is C.

Test Sentence:

FISH is covered by SCALES.

_____ is covered by _____.

19. SKETCH : ARTIST::

- A. secret : confident
- B. cell : prisoner
- C. palette : painter
- D. draft : writer
- E. lawyer : court room

The right answer is D.

Test Sentence:

A(n) ARTIST makes SKETCH before final work.

A(n) _____ makes _____ before final work.

17. NOSE : SMELL::

- A. tongue : speak
- B. foot : hit
- C. hand : finger
- D. teeth : chew
- E. eye : lid

The right answer is D.

Test Sentence:

Function of TEETH is to CHEW.

Function of _____ is to _____.

SOME HIGH FREQUENCY RELATIONS

OBJECT AND FUNCTION:

1. KNIFE: CUT::

- A. winter : summer
- B. sword : sharp
- C. run : fast
- D. drill : hole

Explanation:

The function of a knife is to cut similarly, the function of a drill is to make hole.

The correct answer is (D).

CLASS AND MEMBER:

2. FISH : TROUT ::

- A. hair : black
- B. bird : aviary
- C. tiger : carnivorous
- D. mammal : cow

Explanation:

Trout is a member of class fish. Cow is a member of class mammal.

The correct answer is (D).

PART TO PART:

3. GILL: FIN ::

- A. cockroach : antenna
- B. instrument : pencil
- C. hard disk : keyboard
- D. bread : butter

Explanation:

As gills and fins are parts of a fish, so hard disk and keyboard are parts of a computer. The correct answer is (C).

PART TO WHOLE:

4. FISH : SCHOOL ::

- A. puppy : dog
- B. novel : story
- C. lions : pride
- D. ear : nose

Explanation:

A school is group of fish, so as Pride is group of cock. The correct answer is (C).

DEFINING THE CHARACTERISTICS:

5. COUNSELOR : ADVICE ::

- A. artist : musician
- B. patron : support
- C. honesty : charity
- D. bank : banker

Explanation:

A patron provides support or support. A counselor provides advice. The correct answer is (B).

CAUSE AND EFFECT

6. RACE : FATIGUE ::

- A. fasting : hunger
- B. round : boxing
- C. flower : color
- D. hiking : gangrene

Explanation:

Race causes fatigue, as fasting causes hunger. The correct answer is (A).

WORK STYLE

7. STRUT : WALK ::

- A. sweating : wrestling
- B. hunter : fire
- C. speech : stage
- D. stammer : talk

Explanation:

To strut is a style of walking. Stammer is style of talking.

The correct answer is (D).

SYNONYMS

8. INDUSTRIOUS: HARDWORKING ::

- A. sky : blue
- B. muddy : unclear
- C. book : reading
- D. pond : lake

Explanation:

Industrious is the synonym of hardworking. Muddy is the synonym of unclear.

The correct answer is (B).

ANTONYMS

9. SCHOLAR : IGNORANT ::

- A. Hardworking : Lazy
- B. Knife : Sword
- C. Courage : Bold
- D. Luxury : Wealth

Explanation:

Ignorant is the antonyms of scholar, so lazy is the antonym of hardworking.

The correct answer is (A).

INTENSITY

10. COOL : FROZEN::

- A. sharp : cut
- B. warm : hot
- C. hassock : stool
- D. Freedom : Liberty

Explanation:

Cool and frozen differ in intensity; similarly, warm and hot differ in intensity.

The correct answer is (B).

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PRACTICE EXERCISE 1**Directions:**

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1. GROAN : SCREAM::

- A. Stroll : amble
- B. Clown : crone
- C. Strained : Wit
- D. Grin : guffaw

2. BINOCULARS : SEE::

- A. Spectacle : notice
- B. Skeptic : Idea
- C. Ear trumpet : hear
- D. Camera : aperture

3. ANARCHY : ORDER::

- A. Adore : Loathe
- B. Sonnet : Medley
- C. Tent : Shelter
- D. Finger : Nail

4. SUGAR : SACCHARIN::

- A. Slimming : fattening
- B. Lace : collar
- C. Cotton : polyester
- D. Syrup : molasses

5. EAGLE : AMERICA::

- A. Bath : turkey
- B. John Bull : England
- C. Oriole : baseball
- D. Statue : liberty

6. AFFLUENT : LUCKY::

- A. Greedy : Money
- B. Charitable : Stingy
- C. Unsuccessful : Lazy
- D. Rely : Retort

7. FODDER : BULL::

- A. Goddess : Valentine
- B. Pesticide : beetle
- C. Slop : hog
- D. Roe : Capid

8. ACT : STAGE::

- A. Swim : Pool
- B. Whale : River
- C. Cat : Dog
- D. Fish : Trout

9. PILFER : ROB::

- A. Doctor : Treatment
- B. Taste : eat
- C. Affirm : intimate
- D. Innuendo : desperado

10. ARCHIPELAGO : ISLAND::

- A. Peninsula : Strait
- B. Cluster : Stars
- C. Border : Desert
- D. Sun : Planet

11. AGENDA : MEETING::

- A. Teacher : Class
- B. Agency : Assignment
- C. Map : Trip
- D. Man : Woman

12. MANACLE : MALEFACTOR::

- A. Juvenile : delinquent
- B. Suave : maniac
- C. Muzzle : dog
- D. Pinto : tether

13. AERIE : EAGLE::

- A. Venom : Rattle Snake
- B. Viper : Reptile
- C. Hawk : Falcon
- D. Lair : Wolf

14. ALTIMETER : HEIGHT::

- A. Speedometer : Speed
- B. Observatory : Constellation
- C. Racetrack : Furlong
- D. Vessel : Knots

15. SLIPSHOD: ORGANIZATION::

- A. Clever: Shroud
- B. Cringing: obsequious
- C. Prodigal: generosity
- D. Phlegmatic: emotion

16. CRAVAT: NECK::

- A. Artist: smock
- B. Bib: dinner
- C. Muzzle: biting
- D. Spats: ankles

17. DIET: ANOREXIA::

- A. Teasing: provocation
- B. Laughter: irrepressible
- C. Appraisal: army
- D. Revolutionaries: intrigue

18. ARCHITECT: BLUE PRINT::

- A. Mason: Wall
- B. Knight: rider
- C. High: Low
- D. Pugilist: Victory

19. ALWAYS: NEVER::

- A. Often: Rarely
- B. Frequently: mostly
- C. Constantly: subsequently
- D. Intermittently: Causally

20. ANARCHY: GOVERNMENT::

- A. democracy: Republic
- B. Penury: Wealth
- C. Verbosity: Words
- D. Socialism: Custom

21. ABHOR: DISLIKE::

- A. Calcify: Petrify
- B. Rebuke: Ridicule
- C. Torture: Discomfort
- D. Fodder: cattle

22. ARGUMENT: DEBATE::

- A. Violence: Peace
- B. Fight: Contest
- C. Challenge: Opponent
- D. Doe: Stag

23. ANGER: INSULT::

- A. Business: Judgment
- B. Admiration: Happiness
- C. Conduct: Behavior
- D. felicitous: appreciate

24. AUTHOR: INVENTOR::

- A. Copy right: Patent
- B. Plot: Machine
- C. Technology: Gadget
- D. Book: Factory

25. ABOLITIONIST: SLAVERY::

- A. Prohibitionist: Liquor
- B. Capitalist: Commerce
- C. Peace: War
- D. Glass: Jug

ANSWERS

1	D	6	C	11	C	16	D	21	A
2	C	7	C	12	C	17	A	22	B
3	A	8	A	13	D	18	A	23	D
4	C	9	B	14	A	19	A	24	A
5	B	10	B	15	D	20	B	25	A

15. STAGE: DIRECTOR::

- A. Choir: soprano
B. Judge: lawyer
C. Band: clarinet
D. Meeting: chairman

16. SCREAM: WHISPER::

- A. Staircase: Elevator
B. Pedal: bicycle
C. Blaze: spark
D. Repel: attract

17. BEEF: COW::

- A. Venison: Buffalo
B. Sheep: Mutton
C. Mutton: Sheep
D. Pork: goat

18. ENERGIZE: ACTIVE::

- A. Gourmet: curry
B. Sever: reckless
C. Antiseptic: infection
D. Hone: sharp

19. MENDICANT: BEGGING::

- A. Coup: thunder
B. Proponent: abstained
C. Player: chess
D. Charlatan: deception

20. BOTANY: PLANTS::

- A. Land: shrubs
B. Astronomy: Stars
C. Anthropology: Thorn
D. Philosophy: encyclopedia

21. CHURCH: SPIRE::

- A. Temple: shrine
B. Opera: stage
C. Courtroom: bench
D. Mosque: minaret

22. MACHINE GUN: MUSKET::

- A. Tank: chain
B. Frigate: cruiser
C. Autumnal: vernal
D. Palace: cottage

23. LIKELY: PROBABILITY::

- A. Sailor: Mutineer
B. Bright: radiance
C. Funereal: eulogy
D. Defying: enemy

24. ICE: SWELL::

- A. Escape: manacles
B. Cramp: stress
C. Antiseptic: infect
D. Regicide: ruler

25. THEATER: HISTORIC::

- A. Slyness: stupid
B. Hamlet: populous
C. Number: Numerology
D. Courtroom: forensic

ANSWERS

1	D	6	D	11	D	16	C	21	D
2	A	7	A	12	B	17	C	22	A
3	C	8	B	13	A	18	D	23	B
4	C	9	A	14	B	19	D	24	C
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PRACTICE EXERCISE 3

Directions:

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1. **WISE: GRIPS::**
 - A. Tempers: flare
 - B. Kiln: potter
 - C. Spout: geysers
 - D. Calipers: measure
2. **CAMERA: SIGHT::**
 - A. Pictures: anthology
 - B. Type: touch
 - C. Headphone: hearing
 - D. Thirst: water
3. **PARCHMENT: PAPER::**
 - A. Pity: feeling
 - B. Book: paging
 - C. Trees: lumber
 - D. Quill: pen
4. **DETECTIVE : INFORMER::**
 - A. Author : book
 - B. Architect : Draftsman
 - C. Reporter : Source
 - D. Vacancy: empty
5. **EVADE: QUESTION::**
 - A. Shirk: malingerers
 - B. Elicit: response
 - C. Parry: blow
 - D. Knowledge: thrust
6. **RIDDLE: SPHINX::**
 - A. Luxury: Limousine
 - B. Love: loathe
 - C. Fire: Prometheus
 - D. Scylla: ore
7. **FLURRY: BLIZZARD::**
 - A. Anger: bluster
 - B. Drizzle: downpour
 - C. Draw: doodle
 - D. Simmer: cook
8. **ELECTRON: NUCLEUS::**
 - A. Electric: exciting
 - B. Earth : Sun
 - C. Magnet: pole
 - D. Cell: membrane
9. **ELICIT: RESPONSE::**
 - A. Religion : ethics
 - B. Crime: arrest
 - C. Answer: question
 - D. Coax: smile
10. **FASTIDIOUS: VULGARITY::**
 - A. Vacillating: action
 - B. Fade: intensity
 - C. Security: mob
 - D. Speeding: bourgeois
11. **APPEARANCE: SUBPOENA::**
 - A. Death: fight
 - B. Payment: bill
 - C. health : game
 - D. Applause: encore
12. **CARPENTER : VISE::**
 - A. Teller : Bank
 - B. Golfer : Club
 - C. Mike : Speak
 - D. Angler : Fish
13. **DRAMA: STAGE::**
 - A. Disease: relapse
 - B. Commercial: program
 - C. Eclipse: gulf
 - D. Movie: cinema

14. CALIBER : RIFLE ::

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B. Compass : inflammation

B. Quality : Shout

D. Quality : Rifle

15. DARN : NEEDLE ::

15. DARN : NEEDLE ::

B. Run : rivet

B. Whup : processor

D. Whup : processorsaw

D. Kindling : chain saw

16. MUMBLE : SHOUT ::

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B. Flinch : phlegm

B. Lunch : Phlegm

C. Phlegm : steers

D. Flipper : swim

17. CORRESPONDENCE : CLERK ::

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B. Office : Mailman : sapher

B. Secretary : Atmosphere

D. Records : Weberans

D. Records : Archivist

18. STETHOSCOPE : PHYSICIAN ::

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B. Psychiatrist : couch

B. Psychiatrist : stethoscope

D. Wrench : plumb

D. Bat : baseball

19. SIESTA : NAP ::

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B. Earnot : plantation

B. Sane : plant : cabbage

D. Sane : fruit : cabbage

D. Coin : rug

20. SLURP : SIP ::

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B. Swish : skinnish

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D. Tiptoe : stumble

21. SOPHIST : TRUTH ::

21. SOPHIST : TRUTH ::

B. Quack : complaine

B. Quack : complaine

D. Actor : Shoot

D. Actor : Shoot

22. CAT : FELINE ::

22. CAT : FELINE ::

B. Pupper : Estane

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D. Illness : liguine

D. Tiger : Lion

23. PRICE : EXORBITANT ::

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B. Mating : sharedom

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D. Fatigue : exhaustion

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24. RETICENT : PRATTLE ::

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B. Pile : gemstone : amote

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D. Shoet : subderty

D. Chasten : chide

25. DISCREDITED : REPUTATION ::

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B. Strohghol : facility

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D. Apprehensive : shyness

ANSWERS

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2	B	8	B	13	B	18	D	23	B
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4	E	10	D	15	D	20	A	25	B
5	C	10	A	15	C	20	C	25	C

13. LUGUBRIOUS: DOLEFUL

- A. Banal: Insipid
 B. Tractable: Recalcitrant
 C. Pensive: Vacuous
 D. Profligate: Miserly
 E. Tangible: Illusory

14. GROVEL: SERVILE

- A. Elevator: Skyscraper
 B. Neglect: fortuitous
 C. Summary: Narration
 D. Foresee: Prescient
 E. Risk: Indiscriminate

15. CLARIFY: CONFUSION

- A. Cloud: Thunder
 B. Wish: Success
 C. Declare: Bankruptcy
 D. Algorithm: Structure
 E. Mediate: Altercation

16. ETHEREAL: EMPYREAL

- A. Fetus: Offspring
 B. Earnest: Saccharine
 C. Novice: Expert
 D. Obsequious: Sycophantic
 E. Jargon: Authentic

17. MOAT: CASTLE

- A. Bridge: River
 B. Propel: Ship
 C. Archer: Bow
 D. Cumberbund: Waist
 E. Shoe: Foot

18. DOLLAR: DIME

- A. Rupee: Frank
 B. Saleswoman: Pitch
 C. Retreat: Victory
 D. Century: Decade
 E. Ring: Necklace

19. CHIEF: RECIPE

- A. Celestial: Deferential
 B. Musician: Score
 C. People: Band
 D. Novelist: Puzzle
 E. Ambivalent: Dexterous

20. OSSIFY: BONE

- A. Embezzle: Account
 B. Refine: Crude Oil
 C. Pulverize: Dust
 D. Filter: Water
 E. Euphoria: Hydrophobia

ANSWERS

1	C	6	C	11	E	16	D
2	D	7	E	12	B	17	D
3	D	8	E	13	A	18	D
4	A	9	C	14	D	19	B
5	D	10	C	15	C	20	C

EXPLANATIONS

1. The larva is the early form of an animal that after growth becomes an adult. Similarly, a tadpole after growth becomes a frog.
2. Tunnel is to cross the mountain and bridge is to cross the river.
3. Initiate (to start) and "end" are antonyms. Attend (pay attention to) is the opposite of ignore.
4. Maudlin is over emotional hence does not have Dispassion (calmness). Dauntless is a brave person who does not have trepidation (fear).
5. A bibliographer usually works in a library, as a teacher usually works in a classroom.
6. The loom is the frame upon which a tapestry is woven. The easel is the support of the canvas upon which a painting is made.
7. A peroration is the end of a formal address, and denouement is the end of a novel.
8. A rune is a character in an ancient alphabet, a part of a whole, and a star is a part of a constellation.
9. Vessel is a container ship and fleet is the group of ships. Pack is the group of hounds.
10. A tedious conversation or person will produce boredom, similarly, enigmatic will produce uncertainty.
11. A scowl and a smile are expressions of opposite feelings. Similarly, despair (loss of hope) and hope are of opposite meanings.
12. A lecher is a person full of lust, as a glutton is a person full of greed for food.
13. Lugubrious and doleful both refer to sorrow similarly banal and insipid both refer to commonplace.
14. Grovel means to humble oneself or act in an abject manner, as in great fear or utter servility. A grovelling person shows servility; similarly, a person who foresees is prescient (knowing before)
15. To clarify alleviate confusion; to mediate correct an altercation (dispute).
16. Ethereal and empyreal both refer to heavenly or unearthly. Similarly, obsequious and sycophantic both refer to submissive behavior.
17. A moat surrounds a castle; a cummerbund is an article of dress that goes around the waist.
18. The relation here is of 100 : 10 :: a dollar (100 cents) to a dime (10 cents) or a century (100 years) to a decade (10 years)
19. The recipe is the written composition and direction from which the chef produces a dish; the score is the written account of the piece upon which a musician depends.
20. To ossify is to turn to bone; to pulverize is to convert to dust.