Nine Hundred and Ten
Word Analogies
for
Young Scholars
Sample Pages

The Word Works Series
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The faculty for perceiving analogies is the best indication of genius.”

William James
*Principles of Psychology* (1890)
Word Analogies
Study Guide

Analogy consists of two sets of words that share a common relationship. Possible categories for analogous associations are as follows:

**Synonyms/Antonyms**
Up is to down as bottom is to top.
Almost is to close as similar is to alike.
Big is to large as little is to small.

**Parts of a Whole/Part-Part**
Toe is to foot as page is to book.
Twelve is to foot as thirty-six is to yard.
Nephew is to niece as uncle is to aunt.

**Function/Use**
Piano is to music as oven is to bread.
Fork is to eat as towel is to dry.
Carpenter is to hammer as dentist is to drill.

**Category/Type**
Dog is to canine and cat is to feline.
Cedar is to evergreen as oak is to deciduous.
Bat is to superstition as rival is to hate. (concrete/abstract—real/imaginary—visible/invisible)

**Degree**
(Size/Intensity)
Angry is to furious as frighten is to terrify.
Ant is to elephant as house is to skyscraper.

**Grammatical Relationship/Spelling**
See is to saw and look is to looked.
Busy is to busier as pretty is to prettier.
Reel is to real as horse is to hoarse.

**Cause and Effect/Association**
Study is to learn as practice is to win.
Party is to fun as vegetable is to healthy.
Chicago is to Illinois as Houston is to Texas.

**Sequence**
First is to Washington as second is to Adams.
Friday is to Saturday as November is to December.
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Analogies
Set 1

Choose the word that correctly completes each analogy and write it in the blank to the left.

Example:
Wheel is to vehicle and hoof is to animal.

1. Up is to down as back is to __________.
   side  beneath  front  behind

2. Small is to tiny as big is to __________.
   little  huge  strong  wide

3. Ace is to card as poodle is to __________.
   small  curly  dog  tail

4. Glue is to adhere as crayon is to __________.
   color  red  paper  wax

5. Book is to read as TV is to __________.
   picture  commercial  learn  watch

6. Seven is to number as Y is to __________.
   X  script  letter  write

7. Leaf is to tree as rose is to __________.
   bush  thorns  fragrance  petal

8. Poetry is to rhyme as music is to __________.
   voice  tongue  larynx  melody

9. Chocolate is to candy as apple is to __________.
   fruit  red  pie  crunchy

10. Chicken is to egg as sunflower is to __________.
    seed  bloom  plant  sun
Analogies
Set 4--Doubles

Find the set of words that correctly completes the analogy and write it in the blank to the left.

Example:
Grasshopper : insect :: whale : mammal
  water : fish large : small
  whale : mammal animal : plant

1. Cat : Himalayan :: ____________.
   pet : companion dog : beagle shepherd : herder dog : canine

2. Buffalo : herd :: ____________.
   fish : school shark : fin group : bunch fish : water

3. Rooster : hen :: ____________.
   colt : mare dollar : bill buck : doe doe : deer

4. Hoot : owl :: ____________.
   horse : sleigh neigh : horse cart : donkey no : not

5. Hands : gloves :: ____________.
   toes : legs snow : mittens jeans : pants feet : socks

6. Worthless : priceless :: ____________.
   lie : truth story : excuse reason : story correct : satisfactory

7. Cut : saw :: ____________.
   foot : inch measure : ruler ounce : weigh width : length

8. Yell : speak :: ____________.
   furious : annoyed unhappy : happy calm : livid loud : silence

9. Abandoned : deserted :: ____________.
   inferior : superior gigantic : large recently : recent funny : frightening

10. Walk : walked :: ____________.
    happiest : happy giggler : giggle laughter : laughable
    laugh : laughed
Analogies
Set 5—Dining

Find the set of word that correctly completes the analogy and write it in the blank to the left.

Example:
Banquet : indoor :: cookout : outdoor
  meat  grill  father  outdoor

1. Hamburger : bun :: peanut-butter : __________.
   jar  jelly  bread  spoon

2. Restaurant : meal :: vending machine : __________.
   change  snack  candy  lobby

3. Wheat : grain :: pinto __________.
   protein  vegetable  legume  boil

4. Catsup : tomato :: yogurt : __________.
   cheese  health  soybean  milk

5. Steam : boil :: sauté : __________.
   broil  fry  blanch  bake

6. Vitamin : C :: mineral : __________.
   iron  vegetable  fruit  fiber

7. Coffee : cup :: soup : __________.
   chicken  appetizer  bowl  plate

8. Avocado : fruit :: mushroom : __________.
   yeast  fungus  mold  protein

9. Breakfast : morning :: dinner : __________.
   brunch  afternoon  lunch  family

10. Honey : bee :: sugar __________.
    cane  crystal  syrup  mineral
Analogies
Set 11

Choose the word that correctly completes each analogy and write it in the blank to the left.

Example:

*Tyrannosaurs : dinosaur :: condor : bird*.

rat snake bird rodent

1. Quick : quickly :: satisfactory : __________.
    sooner rapidly satisfactorily early

2. Freezer : ice :: safe : __________.
    bank jewelry thieves alarm

3. Grandparent : ancestor :: grandchild : __________.
    offspring descendant predecessor family

4. Brazil : country :: Arizona is to __________.
    America western state historic

5. Boisterous : subdued :: elated : __________.
    disappointed excited loud envious

6. Her : she :: me : __________.
    she it I we

7. Bird : chirp :: dog : __________.
    chew run bite bark

8. Barney : dinosaur :: Shamu : __________.
    ocean prisoner whale mammal

9. Three hundred sixty : circle :: ninety : __________.
    angle line half triangle

10. Snow : flake :: rain : __________.
    monsoon season crop drop
Analogies
Set 13—Language and Literature

Choose the word that correctly completes each analogy and write it in the blank to the left.

Example:

Noun is to name as verb is to action.

1. Interrogative is to ______ as declarative is to statement.
   sentence  question  interjection  exclamation

2. Matilda is to Roald Dahl as ______ is to Beverly Cleary.
   Charlotte  Sounder  Ramona  Winn-Dixie

3. ______ is to sentence as capitalization is to word.
   Punctuation  Complete  Phrase  Thought

4. Foreshadow is to clue as predict is to ______.
   believe  interpret  fortune  foretell

5. Plural is to multiple as ______ is to ownership.
   proprietor  apostrophe  spelling  possessive

6. Charlotte is to spider as Wilbur is to ______.
   sheep  pig  rat  goose

7. Word is to sentence as sentence is to ______.
   paragraph  narrative  subject  writing

8. ______ is to place as moral is to lesson.
   Time  Location  City  Setting

9. ______ is to Horton as J. K. Rowling is to Harry Potter.
   E. B. White  Betsy Byers  Lois Lowery  Dr. Seuss

10. And is to conjunction as ______ is to interjection.
    or  although  oh  therefore
Analogies
Set 23

Choose the word that correctly completes each analogy and write it in the blank to the left.

Example:

Bee is to be as the is to thee.

see weed thee flee

_____________________1. Soothing : quiet :: distracting : __________.

clamorous attentive talking obvious

_____________________2. Cup : quart : : quarter : __________.
dollar measure money dime

_____________________3. Star : twinkle :: moon : __________.
reflect satellite atmosphere amber

_____________________4. Flower : chrysanthemum :: dog : __________.
Chihuahua canine companion whisper

_____________________5. Bow : beau :: slay : __________.
sleigh splay repay played

_____________________6. 84 : 12 :: 56 : __________.
8 6 9 5

_____________________7. Digest : stomach :: sing : __________.
lungs breathing nose throat

_____________________8. Disclose : divulge :: misconception : __________.
compulsion fallacy perception logic

_____________________9. Wild : domesticated :: feral : __________.
home tame prey hunt

____________________10. Combustion : flame :: drought : __________.
rain crop famine hunger
Choose the set of words that correctly completes each analogy and write it in the blank to the left.

Example:

Cover : conceal :: disguise : camouflage.

disguise : camouflage  move : change
worry : intimidate  revamp : makeover

1. Rural : urban ::  
rustic : sophisticated  sneak : crafty  old : ancient  fossil : artifact

2. Chlorophyll : plant ::  
blood : animal  alloy : steel  frame : building  work : toil

3. Hydrogen : gas ::  
room : temperature  ore : element  science : academic  mercury : liquid

4. Medal : soldier ::  
pennant : team  colors : flag  sport : league  team : player

5. Ichthyology : zoology ::  
psychology : history  banking : economics  pathology : medicine  climatology : sociology

6. Saddle : leather ::  
road : travel  interstate : concrete  sand : cement  line : align

7. Citizen : democracy ::  
serf : feudalism  past : ancient  country : kingdom  Middle : Medieval

8. Cautious : cautiously ::  
sensible : carefully  rush : quickly  rapid : rapidly  easily : forcefully

9. Actual : delusive ::  
transparent : clear  capable : intelligent  seasoned : mixed  lucid : confused

10. Manatee : mammal ::  
wallaby : marsupial  ant : predator  egg : ovum  terrestrial : avian