



Verbal Analogies

Boost critical thinking and vocabulary with verbal analogies. They are key in tests like SAT and GRE.





What is a Verbal Analogy?

Shows relationship between two word pairs. A : B :: C : D is the format.

Example: DOG : BARK is to CAT : MEOW, linking animals to sounds.



Solving Verbal Analogies: Key Strategies

- 1 Identify Relationship**
Understand what connects A and B.
- 2 Form a Sentence**
Express their relationship clearly.
- 3 Apply to C**
Use sentence to find corresponding D.
- 4 Eliminate Options**
Discard answers that don't fit the relationship.

Example: AUTHOR : BOOK :: COMPOSER : SONG





Practice Problem 1

ARCHITECT :
BLUEPRINT

Options: (a) restaurant (b)
recipe (c) meal (d) kitchen

Which matches CHEF : ?

Answer: (b) RECIPE, as blueprint guides architect's work.





Practice Problem 2

DOCTOR : ILLNESS

Which matches LAWYER :
?

Options: (a) court (b) client
(c) crime (d) agreement

Answer: (c) CRIME, as doctor treats illness, lawyer handles crime.



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Advanced Analogy Techniques

Multiple Relationships

Identify more than one connection between words.

Secondary Meanings

Explore different meanings of words used.

Spot Distractors

Beware of choices that seem correct but aren't.



Mastering Verbal Analogies

- Expand vocabulary and deepen understanding.
- Practice various analogy types regularly.
- Use strategic problem-solving methods.
- Improve test performance and confidence.