



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.



Common Analogy Types

Synonym

HAPPY : JOYFUL :: SAD : MOROSE

Antonym

HOT : COLD :: WET : DRY

Part to Whole

WHEEL : CAR :: KEY : PIANO

Cause and Effect

FIRE : HEAT :: RAIN : FLOOD

Category

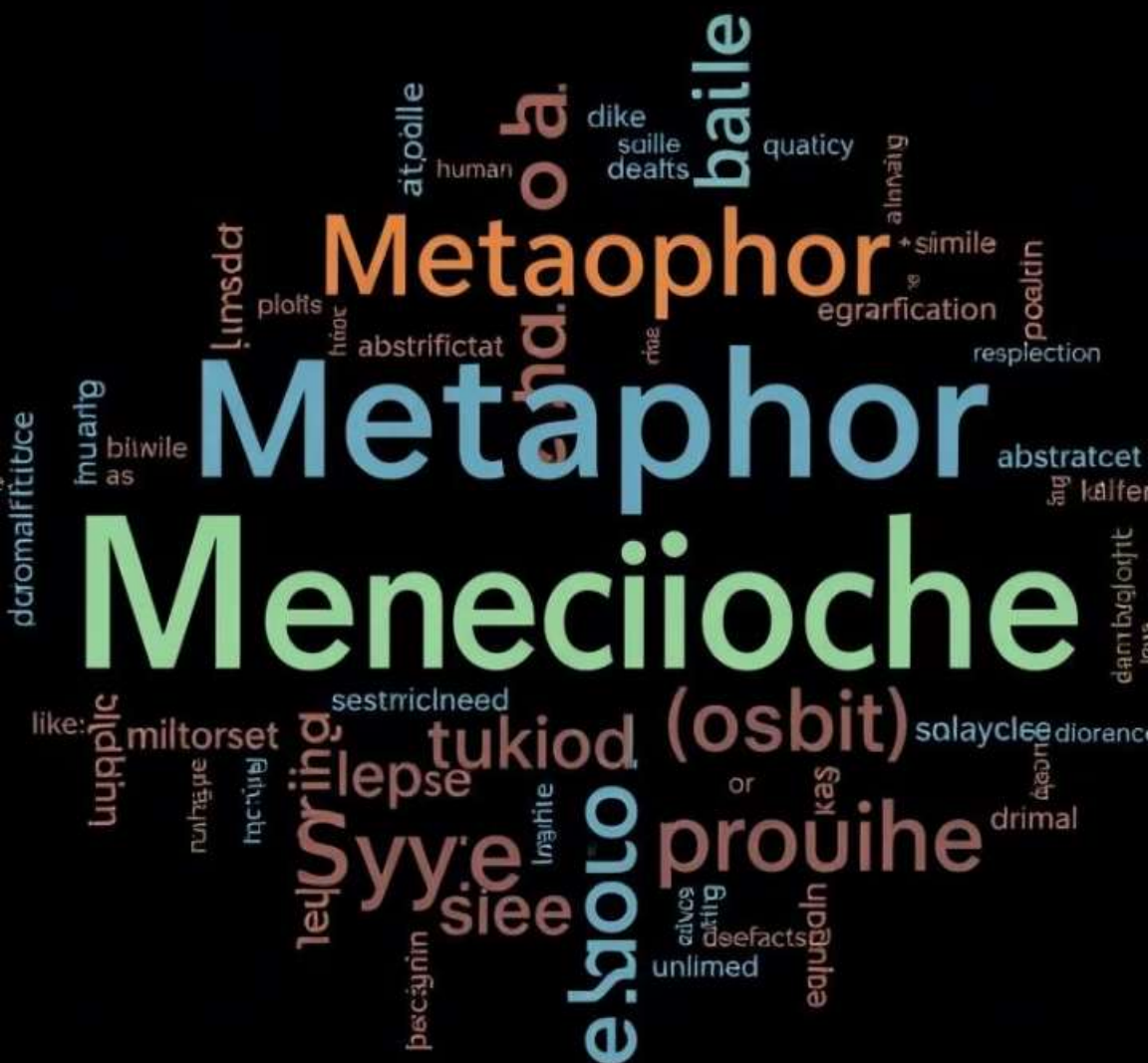
APPLE : FRUIT :: CARROT : VEGETABLE

Function

KNIFE : CUT :: PEN : WRITE

Degree

WARM : HOT :: HAPPY : ECSTATIC





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

Which matches CHEF : ?

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

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.



WORLD

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.