Analogies

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY

analogy: A comparison between two sets of word pairs in which the words in each pair share similar relationships

HERE'S HOW

Step 1: Identify the relationship between the first pair of words. Ask yourself: How are these words related? Write a sentence expressing the relationship.

EXAMPLE

HOT : COLD *Hot is the opposite of cold.*

CELEBRITY: FAMOUS A celebrity is someone who is famous.

GENIUS: INTELLIGENT A genius is very intelligent.

Step 2: State the relationship between the two pairs. Again, write it as a sentence.

EXAMPLE	
Hot is the opposite of cold, just as_	is the opposite of

- Fill-in-the-blank problems: Brainstorm one word that completes the sentence so that the second relationship is exactly the same as the first relationship.
- Multiple choice problems: Test each answer choice in your sentence. Select the pair that best completes it.

Step 4: Review your choice. Reread the completed analogy. Check to make sure the second relationship is exactly the same as the first relationship.

EXAMPLE: ANALOGY PROBLEMS

Directions: Write a word that completes the analogy.

PIG: ANIMAL :: carrot : _____

Directions: Choose the word pair that *best* matches the relationship shown in the first word pair.

WATER: THIRST::

A. old: strong B. food: hunger C. juice : orange D. ball: bat

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