

15 Analogies



An analogy is something that shows how two things are similar, but the ultimate goal is to make a point about this comparison.

An analogy's purpose is not only to demonstrate but also to explain. As a result, an analogy is more complex than a simile or metaphor. (An analogy can be made using similes or metaphors, but analogies usually include additional information to make their point.)

Examples of analogies

Some analogies are so useful that they are used in everyday conversation. These are frequently referred to as figures of speech. Each of the following analogies compares two things:

- Leaf : tree : petal : flower

This analogy emphasises the connection between the whole object (a tree and a flower) and its parts (a leaf and a petal). One part of the analogy is left blank, and students must select an answer that makes sense to complete the comparison.

- Hammer : Nail :: Comb : Hair
- White : Black :: Up : Down
- Mansion : Shack :: Yacht : Dinghy
- Short : Light :: Long : Heavy

- Bees : Hive :: Bears : Den
- Speak : Sing :: Walk : Dance
- Chef : Food :: Sculptor : Stone
- Like : Love :: Dislike : Hate
- Clay : Brick :: Glass : Bottle
- Spin : Dizzy :: Jump : Elevate
- Itch : Scratch :: Virus : Cold
- Read : Learn :: Try : Improve
- Funny : Humorous :: Hardworking : Diligent
- Lead : Guide :: Drawing : Illustration
- Night : Day :: Right : Left
- Wet : Dry :: Hot : Cold
- Electron : Molecule :: Country : Continent
- Toe : Foot :: Finger : Hand
- Stars : Galaxy :: Molecules : Object
- Broom : Sweep :: Paintbrush : Paint
- Freezer : Freeze :: Towel : Wipe
- Democracy : Equality :: Monarchy : Potentate
- Water : Wet :: Concrete : Hard
- Mountain : Tall :: Desert : Dry
- Sugar : Sweet :: Cheetah : Fast
- Wall : Bricks :: Sonnet : Lines
- Cello : Symphony :: Creek : Forest
- Plane : Hangar :: Surfboard : Beach
- Field : Farm :: Audience : Arena
- Conflict : Story :: Emoji : Texting
- Orange : Fruit :: Hydrogen : Element
- Kangaroo : Marsupial :: Dog :: Mammal

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

In each of the following questions, find out the alternative which will replace the question mark.

1. Cup : Lip :: Broom : ?
A. Break
B. Grass
C. Forest
D. Hand`
2. Flow : River :: Waves : ?
A. Rain
B. Stream
C. Sea
D. Canal
3. Kitten : Cat :: Cub : ?
A. Lamb
B. Elephant
C. Horse
D. Lion
4. Ornithologist : Bird :: Cardiologist : ?
A. Islands
B. Mediators
C. Heart
D. Aquatic



5. Peacock : India :: Kangaroo : ?
 - A. Australia
 - B. America
 - C. Russia
 - D. England
6. Conference : Chairman :: Journalism : ?
 - A. Reporter
 - B. Distributor
 - C. Printer
 - D. Editor
7. Safe : Secure :: Bolt : ?
 - A. Lock
 - B. Sure
 - C. Guard
 - D. Conserve
8. Microphone : Loud :: Microscope : ?
 - A. Elongate
 - B. Investigate
 - C. Magnify
 - D. Examine
9. Dawn : Daybreak :: Brook : ?
 - A. Broom
 - B. Condense
 - C. River
 - D. Force
10. Meter :: Kilometer :: Cent : ?
 - A. Euro
 - B. Penny
 - C. Pound
 - D. Yen

SOLUTIONS

1. **(D)** Cup is used to drink something with the help of lips. Similarly, broom is used by hand to clean.
2. **(C)** As water of a river flows similarly waves are in the sea.
3. **(D)** Offspring of the following animals: Cat—kitten; Sheep—Lamb; Elephant—Baby elephant/calf; Horse—foal; Lion—Cub.
4. **(C)** As an ornithologist is a specialist of birds, cardiologist is a specialist of heart.
5. **(A)** As peacock is the national bird of India, similarly, kangaroo is the national animal of Australia.
6. **(D)** As Chairman is the highest authority in a conference. Similarly, the highest authority in journalism is an editor.
7. **(A)** Safe and secure have the same meaning. Bolt and lock have the same meaning.
8. **(C)** As Microphone makes the sound louder, microscope makes the object magnified.
9. **(C)** Dawn and daybreak are synonyms. Similarly, brook is synonymous with river.
10. **(A)** Meter is a smaller unit of kilometer. Similarly, cent is a smaller unit of euro.