

An analogy is a relationship between one pair of words that helps to form the same relationship in the second pair of words. An analogy shows similarities, or things in common, between a pair of words.

# Example

Annoy is to irritate as dusk is to twilight

Annoy: irritate:: dusk: twilight

# Example: Find the 4<sup>th</sup> word based on analogous relations

- Light: Sun:: Heat:?
- A. Electricity
- B. Moon
- C. Fire
- D. Star

ANS: C

#### **Explanation:**

Sun gives-light. In the same way Fire gives heat.

#### Another example

#### Find the analogous pair:

- Bunch : Key ::
- Hound: Pack
- Team: Competition
- Beehive: Bee
- Bouquet : Flower

#### Answer

• A bunch of keys and a bouquet of flowers

# Types of analogies

- Synonyms and Antonyms
- Part to whole or whole to part
- Cause to effect
- Words of varying degree
- Specific to general
- Function
- Traits

#### Synonyms and Antonyms

#### Example:

- Tall: Short:: Disrespect:?
- A. Respect
- B. Honour
- C. Disgrace
- D. Loyalty

#### Answer

The antonym of Disrespect is Respect

# Another Example

Particular:fussy::\_\_\_\_:subservient

a.Meek

b. Above

c.Cranky

d.Uptight

# Explanation

These are synonymous pairs.

The synonym of subservient is meek

As subservient can be broken into sub + serve i.e to obey someone unquestionably

• Note:

• Lot of times you will find word pairs which are similar or dissimilar. Knowledge of words and their usage will help determine the right answer.

# Type 2:Part to whole or whole to part

- Son:Nuclear::\_\_\_\_\_Extended
- a.Father
- b.Mother
- c.Cousin
- d.Daughters

#### Answer

Son is a part of nuclear family and Cousin is part of an extended family

# Whole to part

- Book:Chapter::tractor:
- Plowed
- Read
- Motor

#### Answer

 A Book comprises chapters and a tractor comprises a motor

# Type 3:Cause and Effect

Tired is to sleep as hungry is to \_\_\_\_\_

- Drink
- Exhausted
- Starving
- Eat

Answer: Eat

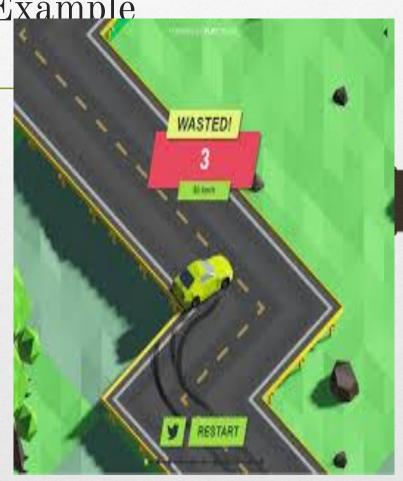
Another Example :skid::obstacle:swerve

a.Bike

b.Ice

c.Wheel

d.Roadway



#### Answer:

Ice causes to skid and obstacle causes to swerve

# Type 4:Words of varying degree

amusing: hilarious:: \_\_\_\_: outstanding

a. satisfactory

b. unacceptable

c. extraordinary

d. performance

### Explanation

Hilarious is the heightened version of amusing. If amusing is funny then hilarious is extremely funny.

So the word that fits here would be satisfactory.

#### Another example

- Inferno:fire::tsunami:
- Ocean
- Burning
- Wave
- Deadly

• Inferno is a large fire and tsunami is kind of a big wave

# Type 5:Specific to general

- Canine:dog::feline:
- Dog
- Purr
- Tiger
- Whiskers

 Canine refers to dogs while feline refers to cats like tiger

# Type 6:Function

- Hammer:pound::wrench:
- Pinch
- Tool
- Bolt
- Turn

Hammer is used for pounding whereas wrench is used for turning a bolt.

So here one word is the function of the other.

### Another example

Author:write::detective:

- Investigate
- Magnifying glass
- Typewriter
- Police officer

• An author writes and a detective investigates

### Type 7:Traits

Example:

• AUTHOR: LITERATE

A. CYNIC: GULLIBLE

B. HOTHEAD: PRUDENT

C. SAINT: NOTORIOUS

D. JUDGE: IMPARTIAL

An author is literate and a judge is impartial.

So this type of analogies talk of certain characteristics or traits of a person or thing.

#### Another Example

Factual:article::fictitious:

- 1. Fable
- 2. Testimony
- 3. Magazine
- 4. Alibi

• An article is factual while a fable is fictitious

# Some practice questions

- 1. \_\_\_\_: highway ::
  - net: court
- a. road
- b. radar
- c. ticket
- d. median



• A net divides a court whereas a median divides a highway

Implement:rule::\_\_\_\_:Verdict

- 1. Propose
- 2. Render
- 3. Divide
- 4. Teach

A rule is implemented whereas a verdict is rendered

• Monarch: ::king:cobra

Queen

Butterfly

Royal

Venom

Monarch is a type of butterfly as king cobra is also one of the types of cobra.

• Moisten: ::Cool:freeze

Water

Soak

Oven

Grow

To moisten is to wet less intensely than to soak and cool is to reduce the temperature less intensely than to freeze

## • REINFORCE: STRONGER

A. ERODE: WEAKER

B. DISMANTLE: LONGER

C. WILT: HIGHER

D. SHIRK: GREATER

• If something is reinforced, it becomes stronger. Similarly, If something gets eroded, it becomes weaker.

## **VESSEL: FLEET**

A. Forest: Clearing

B. Squadron: Rank

C. Hound: Pack

D. Wide: Trunk

## Answer

A fleet of vessels and a pack of hound

- SCOWL: SMILE
- A. Despair : Hope
- B. Acid: Vinegar
- C. Tendentious: Buck
- D.Wine: Water

## Answer

Scowl is an angry expression. So these are antonyms. The correct answer therefore will be