

Analogies

Analogy is just a term that means "word relationships."

Analogies are sometimes seen like this:

(word 1) : (word 2) : : (word 3) : (word 4)

In this analogy format, : reads "is to" and : : reads "as"

water : liquid : : ice : solid

How you say it

water is to liquid as ice is to solid

A clue in solving analogies:

The relationship or category used the first set of words will be used in the second set of words.

EXAMPLES

Category: antonyms (opposites)

artificial : real : : left : right

Category: part to whole

leaf : tree : : feather : bird

Category: effect and cause

tsunami : earthquake : : flood : downpour

Here are some of the most frequently used analogy categories:

Category

Sample Analogy

Synonyms

end: terminate

Antonyms

artificial: real

Workers and their tools

photographer: camera

Tool and what it's used on

scissors: paper

Cause and effect

negligence: accident

Effect and cause

tsunami: earthquake

Part to whole

leaf: tree

Person and what he looks for

archaeologist: fossils

Masculine and feminine

host: hostess

Mathematical relationship

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Person and closely related adjective

commander: competent

Person and least related adjective

commander: coward