



What is an Analogy?

An analogy is a way of expressing relationship between words. For example: student: class :: player : team. The relationship expressed in a sentence looks like this: A student is to a class as a player is to a team.

In each case, the analogy describes the relationship of a part to a whole. A student is part of a class, and a player is part of a team.

Some common types of analogies include:

whole and part

place and object

action and object

person and tool

Directions: Choose the word that best completes each analogy.

1. squirrel : forest :: whale : _____ .
desert ocean rain forest arctic
2. hammer : carpenter :: stethoscope : _____ .
teacher doctor disc jockey actor
3. swing : playground :: elevator : _____ .
office convenience store restaurant bedroom
4. nail : finger :: lash : _____ .
foot eye stomach knee
5. throw : ball :: read : _____ .
chair book pen spoon
6. bake : cake :: simmer : _____ .
pie steak soup casserole
7. school : chalkboard :: kitchen : _____ .
bed stove toilet hat
8. closet : clothes :: bathroom : _____ .
curtain wheelchair tub sofa