Analogy Examples

An **analogy** is a word problem where you must find a word that completes the second pair. The words will be logically related in some way.

1.) Antonyms

This type of analogy shows pairs that have an opposite relationship.

Example

> FIRE : WATER :: graceful : _____

The relationship among the words is that they are opposites: antonyms. What is the opposite of graceful? Clumsy.

2.) Synonyms

This type of analogy shows pairs that have the same or similar meanings.

Example

➤ COURAGEOUS : BRAVE :: cowardly : _____

The relationship among the words is that they are synonyms. What means the same as cowardly? Afraid.

3.) Cause and Effect

This type of analogy is a pair of words whose relationship has two parts. The *cause* is an action of some kind and the *effect* is the result of that action.

Example

> STUDY : KNOWLEDGE :: theft : ____

The relationship among the words is that one word is the cause while the other half is the effect. The cause of studying is knowledge. What is the consequence of theft? Jail.

4.) Part to Whole

This type of analogy compares part of something to its whole, meaning one word in the analogy is a part or a piece of the other.

Example

➤ BOOK : CHAPTER :: car : _____

The relationship among the words is that one part of the analogy compares something whole while the other half of the analogy compares its part. What is a part of a car? Tire.

5.) General to Specific

This type of analogy compares a general idea to a specific example.

Example

➤ PINK : COLOR :: Alabama : _____

The relationship among the words is that they go from specific to general. Pink is a specific kind of color; Alabama is a specific kind of? State.