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Making Comparisons



An analogy is making a comparison between two things that are not ordinarily alike. For example, the sound of someone's voice who is irritating you can be compared to the sound of nails on a chalkboard. If you compare two contrasting things—like a person in a new environment and a fish out of water—then you are drawing an analogy.

DIRECTIONS: Circle the item most closely related to the third item in the same way the first two are related.

1. A conductor is to an orchestra as an admiral is to a (a) general (b) ship (c) ocean.
2. A lion is to a pride as a goose is to a (a) flock (b) pod (c) gander.
3. A toe is to a foot as a tread is to a (a) tire (b) hubcap (c) spoke.
4. Birth is to death as the letter A is to (a) the alphabet (b) the letter B (c) the letter Z.
5. An acorn is to an oak as an egg is to a (a) farm (b) chicken (c) a chick.
6. A knife is to a fork as salt is to (a) pepper (b) sugar (c) basil.
7. Calmness is to turbulence as peace is to (a) victory (b) war (c) politics.
8. A petal is to a flower as a finger is to a (a) foot (b) hand (c) arm.
9. A dog without an owner is as a child without a (a) toy (b) collar (c) parent.
10. A germ is to an illness as a teacher is to (a) knowledge (b) a class (c) a school.