

# Solving Analogies

An analogy is a comparison between two pairs of words in which the two pairs are related in the same way.

**TO SOLVE AN ANALOGY, FIRST, FIGURE OUT HOW THE FIRST PAIR OF WORDS ARE RELATED. THEN, THINK OF A WORD THAT COMPLETES THE SECOND PAIR IN THE SAME WAY.**

## EXAMPLE

These two words are opposites.

new : old :: narrow : wide

These two must be opposites, too.

It helps to know some of the most common types of analogies:

SYNONYMS

ANTONYMS

PART/WHOLE

OBJECT/ACTION

SOURCE/PRODUCT

ANIMAL/HABITAT

SEQUENCE

CHARACTERISTIC

DEGREE

**The sides  
need to  
BALANCE.**



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