

Analogies

Dictionary meaning of Analogy:

An analogy is a comparison of two things to highlight their similarities. Often the things being compared are very different, but an analogy highlights how they are alike. An analogy is used to compare two ideas in order to explain one (usually the first one).

In Simple Words:

An Analogy is which compares the relationship between two things or ideas to highlight or explain a point of similarity.

Example: Dolphin: Pod:: Penguin: Colony

We can say in from the above analogy that: Dolphin is to Pod as Penguin is to Colony. Both are collective nouns as they represent the groups. Pod for Dolphin and Colony for Penguin – Both the pairs of words in the analogy illustrate the same relationship.

NOTE: There can be many types of analogies from different concepts or point of views, here are few of them with explanations and examples so as to make it easier and understandable:

Types of Analogy Relationship

S. No.	Type	Relationship	Example
1.	Animals and Habitat	Shows the habitat of the animal.	Bear : Den :: Shark : Ocean
2.	Antonyms	Shows similarity as to opposites.	Arrogant : Polite :: Atrocious : Kind
3.	Synonyms	Shows the similarity as in meaning.	Shrewd : Keen :: Ecstatic : Delightful
4.	Part to whole	Shows a part of the whole.	Sand : Beach :: Water : Ocean
5.	Category or Type	Shows a type or kind of something.	Flute: Instrument :: Painting : Art
6.	Cause and Effect	Shows a cause or indication of something.	Hungry: Eat :: Thirsty : Drink
7.	Degree of Intensity	Shows Small or Large	Hot : Boiling :: Cool : Freezing
8.	Performer to Related Action	Shows one who does or performs some action.	Chef : Cooks :: Singer : Sings
9.	Object to Function	Show the use of things.	Nose : Smell :: Ear : Hear
10.	Symbol and Representation	Show the symbol to represent things.	Rose : Love :: Dove : Peace
11.	Sequence	Shows a particular order in which related things follow each other.	March : April :: Spring : Summer

12.	Product	Shows a thing or person that is the result of an action or process.	Honey : Bee :: Milk : Cow
13.	Place and Object	Shows the places where the objects belong.	London : Big Ben :: India : Taj Mehal
14.	<i>Odd one out (Used in our syllabus)</i>	Shows the incorrect or dissimilar item among the similar group of things.	Big: Huge: Gigantic: Tiny: Large. Here Tiny is the odd one out, as all others have the same meaning.