

TEST SENTENCE: *A miser can be described as a parsimonious person.*

3. **After scanning the possible answers, eliminate any choices that are clearly wrong.** Read the possible answers carefully.

miser : parsimonious ::

- a. *nosy : busybody*
- b. *matador : calf*
- c. *stingy : cheap*
- d. *hermit : unsociable*

Beware of answer choices that switch the original relationship.

Choice **a.** places the adjective *before* the noun, while the adjective *follows* the noun in the first word pair. Eliminate choice **a.**

Beware of deliberate “distractors” and changes in parts of speech.

Choice **c.** tries to distract your attention with words often associated with misers. But both of these words are adjectives. To form a parallel relationship, the correct answer must be a noun-adjective word pair.

Beware of answer choices that express little or no relationship.

Choice **b.** relates a bullfighter to a young cow or bull. This relationship is too weak to be considered seriously. The answer has to be **d.**

4. **When you’ve narrowed down your choices to one answer, write a test sentence stating the entire analogy.**

*A miser can be described as parsimonious just as
a hermit can be described as unsociable.*

If your test sentence makes sense, you have successfully completed a valid analogy. Congratulations!



The following practice exercises will help you prepare to become an “Analogy Ace.” Answer *all* of the questions. Then check your own work against the answers at the bottom of each page. Your critical thinking skills will improve greatly by the time you finish the book!

PRACTICE EXERCISE: NAME THE CATEGORY

Read the items in each list. Then name a category that includes those items. Finally, unscramble the last item in each category. As an example, the first one has been done for you.

1. baseball players : pitcher, shortstop, fielder, first baseman,
(THERCAC) catcher
2. _____ : salt, cinnamon, paprika, oregano,
(PERPEP) _____
3. _____ : honk, squeak, howl, clank,
(EBEP) _____
4. _____ : celery, lettuce, corn, onion,
(TROCRA) _____
5. _____ : pliers, saw, drill, screwdriver,
(MAHREM) _____
6. _____ : pelvis, thigh, heel, palm,
(CHAMOTS) _____
7. _____ : rose, daisy, violet, chrysanthemum,
(PILUT) _____
8. _____ : purple, green, maroon, red,
(LUBE) _____
9. _____ : butterscotch, chocolate, strawberry, mint,
(NAVILAL) _____
10. _____ : plum, apple, orange, grape,
(CHEAP) _____

PRACTICE EXERCISE: CATEGORIZE THE WORDS

Write the words in the box under the correct category headings.
Hint: You will have five words left over!

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| Sacramento | Canada | Rockies |
| Appalachians | Asia | Spain |
| Rio Grande | Austin | Atlantic |
| Adirondacks | Peru | Tucson |
| Mississippi | Pierre | Finland |
| Missouri | Alps | Albany |
| Hudson | Shasta | Thames |

1. STATE CAPITALS

2. MOUNTAIN RANGES

3. RIVERS OF THE UNITED STATES

4. COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD

Figure out a category that includes the clue words in each list. Complete the crossword puzzle with the names of the categories.

ACROSS

- plumber, doctor, teacher
- cousin, grandmother, uncle
- Tuesday, Sunday, Friday
- New Jersey, Utah, Oregon
- sweater, trousers, dress
- Chicago, Los Angeles, Dallas

DOWN

- June, August, February
- cedar, redwood, maple
- tuna, BLT, peanut butter
- winter, fall, summer
- tennis, hockey, wrestling

1. Sacramento, Austin, Pierre, Albany 2. Appalachians, Adirondacks, Rockies, Alps 3. Rio Grande, Mississippi, Missouri, Hudson 4. Canada, Peru, Finland, Spain
ACROSS: 3. jobs 5. relatives 6. days 7. states 10. clothes 11. cities DOWN: 1. months 2. trees 4. sandwiches 8. seasons 9. sports

PRACTICE EXERCISE: ANALYZE THE WORD

Recognizing parts of speech is very helpful when you're trying to solve analogies. Write the words from the box under the correct headings. Check a dictionary if you're not sure of a word's meaning or part of speech.

squander	contradictory	debris	enterprise	divert
vague	bereavement	reconcile	memento	pamper
trivia	lope	candid	plausible	acute

1. **NOUNS:** words that name people, places, things, or ideas

2. **ADJECTIVES:** words that describe nouns or pronouns

3. **VERBS:** words that show action or state of being

Use words from the box to complete the word pairs. Again, check a dictionary if you're not sure of a word's meaning.

aromatic	autopsy	feral	trauma	hormones	bog
fireplace	authentic	elite	confront	honesty	birds

4. **Synonyms:** injury : _____ genuine : _____

5. **Antonyms:** avoid : _____ tame : _____

6. **Characteristics:** incense : _____ aristocracy : _____

7. **Association:** death : _____ oath : _____

8. **Object/Place:** cranberries : _____ embers : _____

9. **Member/Group:** egret : _____ testosterone : _____

1. trivia, enterprise, bereavement, debris, memento 2. vague, contradictory, acute, candid, plausible 3. squander, lope, reconcile, divert, pamper 4. trauma, authentic 5. confront, feral 6. aromatic, elite 7. autopsy, honesty 8. bog, fireplace 9. birds, hormones