



Vocabulary Skill Sequence

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- Basic Concept Words
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- Simple Analogies
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- **COMPLEX ANALOGIES**

Curriculum Connection

Ask students to complete analogies that involve content-based vocabulary and concepts (e.g., London: England :: Paris: _____).

Complex Analogies

An analogy is a comparison between words that shows how the words are related (e.g., grass is to green as sun is to yellow). Practice with analogies helps students broaden their understanding of word meanings and functions.

Classroom Ideas

Teach or Review

As necessary, teach or review the definition of an analogy. Review different types of analogies (e.g., object to category) with students. For each type of analogy, display four word cards (e.g., horse, lizard, mammal, reptile). Have students read the words, pair them based on a relationship, and explain their reasoning (e.g., horse-mammal, lizard-reptile). Display a completed analogy for students to read aloud (e.g., horse is to mammal as lizard is to reptile) and reinforce the type of relationship.

Super Sort

On a board, display several common relationships between word pairs (e.g., synonyms, part-to-whole, object-to-category). Distribute example word pairs to students and have them place the word pair(s) under the correct relationship grouping (e.g., pleasant: enjoyable would fall under synonyms).

Pair Share

Provide students with a list of word pairs and ask them to think about the relationship between the words. Have them label each word pair with the correct relationship, and then have them discuss their work with a partner.

Brainstorm

Show a word pair relationship (e.g., person-to-location) and an example of that relationship (e.g., singer: stage). Challenge students to generate additional examples of the word pair relationship. Keep a list to see how many word pairs the class can generate.

Show & Tell

Display an analogy relationship (e.g., part: whole). Provide each student with a different first word of the analogy pair (wing). Students should complete their analogy with as many words as they can (wing: airplane; wing: bird; wing: butterfly) and share with the group.



Complex Analogies		
Analogy Type	Sample Word Pairs	
person: task	pitcher: throws	student: learns
person: object	plumber: wrench	firefighter: hose
person: location	teacher: classroom	lifeguard: beach
object: category	horse: mammal	tulip: flower
synonyms	enormous: huge	pleasant: enjoyable
antonyms	thrilled: disappointed	frigid: scorching
object: feature	desert: dry	tape: sticky
part: whole	string: guitar	prong: fork
action: object	shovel: snow	boil: water
object: location	stove: kitchen	desks: classroom