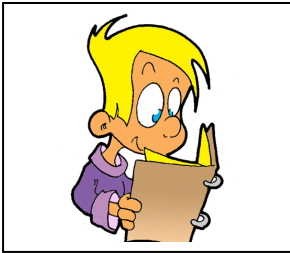


Analogies: Synonyms

Words with the same – or almost the same – meaning are called synonyms. Examples: filthy/dirty, annual/yearly.

Study this analogy.

polite : courteous :: required : _____
 a. demand b. necessary
 c. optional d. hopefully



EXPLANATIONS: The words in the first pair are both adjectives. Since demand is a verb and hopefully is an adverb, you know they can't be right. By definition, something that's optional is not required. That leaves only one answer: necessary.

Parts of speech are good clues to solving analogies.

Directions: Choose a synonym for the box for each boldface word. Write the word on the line.

shelter	bore	slender	neat	member	dawn	applaud	soak
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1. You **drench** _____ something by putting it in water.
2. Actors like to hear the audience **clap** _____ loudly.
3. We tried to find a **refuge** _____ from the terrible storm.
4. Can you **drill** _____ a hole in their piece of wood?
5. Yesterday, the fishing boat left the dock at **daybreak** _____.
6. I wish I could keep my closet as **tidy** _____ as yours.
7. If you don't overeat, you will stay **thin** _____.
8. I am a **part** _____ of the cast in their year's school play.

Directions: Which word best completes each analogy? Write the letter of the correct answer on the line.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. depend : rely :: bait : _____
 a. repel
 b. worm
 c. lure
 d. fish | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. admit : confess :: exile : _____
 a. forfeit
 b. eradicate
 c. banish
 d. embrace |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. perform : execute :: meet : _____
 a. encounter
 b. business
 c. togetherness
 d. parting | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. custodian : janitor :: oust : _____
 a. mister
 b. professor
 c. medicine
 d. physician |

13. danger : jeopardy :: freedom : ____
a. democracy
b. liberty
c. peacetime
d. slavery

14. rip : tear :: smash : ____
a. explode
b. shred
c. slit
d. crush

15. fragrance : aroma :: perspiration : ____
a. sweat
b. fever
c. heat
d. work

16. neglect: ignore :: wane : ____
a. increase
b. ebb
c. rot
d. appear

17. goal : target :: answer : ____
a. question
b. explain
c. response
d. reasoning

18. clear : transparent :: weak : ____
a. powerful
b. feeble
c. small
d. month

19. witty : clever :: ____ : indistinct
a. clarity
b. subtle
c. mumble
d. vague

20. sandy : gritty :: ____ : doubtful
a. wonderful
b. dubious
c. scam
d. certainty



Do you recognize all the words in the following lists of synonyms? Check a dictionary if you're not sure.

21. bias : prejudice :: passage : ____
a. expert
b. excerpt
c. walk
d. overtake
22. principal : foremost :: alleged : ____
a. convicted
b. surrounded
c. reputed
d. charge

23. car : automobile :: world : ____
a. dirt
b. earth
c. planet
d. stars

26. incognito : disguised :: foolish : ____
a. smart
b. funny
c. senseless
d. brilliant

24. crowded : packed :: wrecked : ____
a. ruined
b. glued together
c. present
d. fine

27. pick : select :: couch : ____
a. window
b. ladder
c. sofa
d. table

25. detective : inspector :: teacher : ____
a. professor
b. student
c. child
d. principal

28. want : desire :: find : ____
a. discover
b. remain
c. fall
d. hop

