



## Classic Analogy Bridges

The best strategy to use when completing analogies problems is the bridge sentence strategy. Bridge sentences are helpful because they enable the student to instantly recognize the answer pair by plugging it into the bridge sentence formulated from the question pair. If the bridge sentence works with both the question pair and answer pair, then you know you have found the correct answer. To learn more about bridge sentences, please look at the following examples:

### Function Bridge:

#### SHOVEL : DIG

- 1) bag : buy
- 2) baby : cry
- 3) cloud : rain
- 4) fork : eat
- 5) car : stop

A **shovel** is used to **dig**.  
A **fork** is used to **eat**.

### Degree Bridge:

#### BAD : TERRIBLE

- 1) hard : difficult
- 2) hot : warm
- 3) funny : hilarious
- 4) right : wrong
- 5) young : new

Something that is extremely **bad** is **terrible**.  
Something that is extremely **funny** is **hilarious**.

### Lack Bridge:

#### UGLY : BEAUTY

- 1) serious : humor
- 2) painful : happiness
- 3) old : age
- 4) hot : heat
- 5) sweet : strength

Something **ugly** lacks **beauty**.  
Something **serious** lacks **humor**.

### Characteristic Bridge:

#### CANDY : SWEET

- 1) man : strong
- 2) time : fast
- 3) money : powerful
- 4) movie : exciting
- 5) fire : hot

A characteristic of a **candy** is to be **sweet**.  
A characteristic of a **fire** is to be **hot**.

### Definition Bridge:

#### BOY : MAN

- 1) plant : flower
- 2) lamb : sheep
- 3) shirt : sweater
- 4) pond : lake
- 5) wind : fire

By definition, an adult **boy** is a **man**.  
By definition, an adult **lamb** is a **sheep**.

### Type/Kind Bridge:

#### WRENCH : TOOL

- 1) knee : leg
- 2) rose : flower
- 3) automobile : car
- 4) pencil : paper
- 5) school : punishment

A **wrench** is a type of **tool**.  
A **rose** is a type of **flower**.

### Part to Whole Bridge:

#### FINGER : HAND

- 1) ball : game
- 2) clock : room
- 3) wheel : car
- 4) hat : suit
- 5) man : woman

A **finger** is part of a **hand**.  
A **wheel** is part of a **car**.

### Other:

#### RING : FINGER

- 1) plant : tree
- 2) bag : jacket
- 3) suit : watch
- 4) necklace : neck
- 5) mountain : ocean

A **ring** is worn around the **finger**.  
A **necklace** is worn around the **neck**.

### Other:

#### BEES : HIVE

- 1) ants : city
- 2) humans : barn
- 3) birds : nest
- 4) snakes : house
- 5) bears : hotel

**Bees** make their home in a **hive**.  
**Birds** make their home in a **nest**.