

Analogies

The author of “A Day’s Wait” uses vivid and interesting words to tell his story. One way to be sure you have a full understanding of those words is to use them in analogies. Analogies help you think about how words relate to each other. Before doing the exercise, review Word Analogies in Tools and Tips, pages H38 and H39.

Write the letter of the word that completes each analogy. Use a dictionary if you need to check meanings.

- yardstick : length :: thermometer : _____
a. height b. temperature c. wind d. weight
- car : axle :: ship : _____
a. dock b. boat c. mast d. wave
- cow : herd :: quail : _____
a. animal b. bird c. covey d. forest
- lion tamer : brave :: fashion model : _____
a. clothing b. fearful c. magazine d. poised
- blazing : bright :: lanky : _____
a. lean b. shiny c. heavy d. sell
- gallons : liters :: miles : _____
a. distance b. inches c. kilometers d. maps
- fair : equitable :: preposterous : _____
a. absurd b. logical c. sensible d. rational
- victorious : triumphant :: courage : _____
a. cowardice b. timidity c. fortitude d. failing
- acceptance : rejection :: abundance : _____
a. denial b. profusion c. surplus d. scarcity
- botanist : ecology :: linguist : _____
a. journals b. language c. data d. chemistry

Challenge

Use the following words from the story to create analogies like the ones above: *capsule*, *detached*, *slithered*, *slack*. Review the kinds of analogies in Tools and Tips, and try to create analogies that represent each of the various kinds.