Voklex — 11+ Analogies Worksheet

16 word-analogy questions from real GL-style papers, with a full answer key.

Part 1: Word analogies

Work out how the first pair of words is related, then choose the answer that makes the second pair match. Mark both letters.

1. Look is to (eye blink see) as listen is to (hear tone noise)

A) eye B) blink C) see X) hear Y) tone Z) noise

2. High is to (low far big) as deep is to (fall shallow water)

A) low B) far C) big X) fall Y) shallow Z) water

3. Magazine is to (picture recycle read) as television is to (watch rest broadcast).

A) picture B) recycle C) read X) watch Y) rest Z) broadcast

4. Help is to (hope assist recover) as hinder is to (visit contain block).

A) hope B) assist C) recover X) visit Y) contain Z) block

5. Money is to (coins, bank, shopping) as tea is to (sandwich, cup, caddy).

A) coins B) bank C) shopping X) sandwich Y) cup Z) caddy

6. Sausage is to (party, roll, cocktail) as jam is to (jar, fruit, tart).

A) party B) roll C) cocktail X) jar Y) fruit Z) tart

7. Help is to (relieve serve assist) as hinder is to (prevent impede defile).

A) relieve B) serve C) assist X) prevent Y) impede Z) defile

8. Important is to (eminent urgent essential) as unimportant is to (trivial futile minor).

A) eminent B) urgent C) essential X) trivial Y) futile Z) minor

Part 2: Three-word analogies

The first three words follow a pattern. Choose the word that completes the second set.

9. (staff [not] gnome) (epoch [?] image)

A) gem B) map C) hip D) ham E) mop

10. (puzzle [zip] boiler) (nettle [?] brands)

A) tan B) tee C) ten D) tar E) tab

11. (search [near] lotion) (camera [?] strong)

A) neat B) rate C) game D) near E) gate

12. (pin [pit] lit) (run [?] may)

A) ray B) rum C) nay D) ram E) pay

Answer key

Every answer includes the reasoning, so you can talk it through together.

1. C, X — Look means to use your eyes, and the action you do with eyes is to see. Listen means to use your ears, and the action you do with ears is to hear. So the answer is C) see; X) hear.

2. A, Y — High and low are opposite directions, just as deep and shallow are opposite depths. From the first group the opposite of high is low, so we pick low. From the second group the opposite of deep is shallow, so we pick shallow. So the answer is A) low; Y) shallow.

3. C, X — A magazine is something you look at pictures, recycle, or read. The word that matches what you do with a magazine is 'read'. A television is something you watch, rest, or broadcast, and the word that matches what you do with a TV is 'watch'. So the answer is C) read; X) watch.

4. B, Z — Assist means to help, just like block means to hinder. The words that match these meanings are assist and block. So the answer is B) assist; Z) block.

5. B, Z — Money is kept in a bank, just as tea is kept in a caddy. So the answer is B) bank; Z) caddy.

6. B, Z — A sausage is served in a roll, just as jam is served in a tart. So the answer is B) roll; Z) tart.

7. C, Y — They are synonyms for help and hinder.

8. C, X — They are synonyms for important and unimportant.

9. B — Take the 2nd letter of the second word, then the 3rd letter of the second word, and finally the 2nd letter of the first word. For staff■gnome this gives n■o■t, which is the word ‘not’. Do the same with epoch and image: the 2nd letter of image is m, the 3rd letter is a, and the 2nd letter of epoch is p, giving m■a■p. So the answer is B) map.

10. A — Take the third letter of each given word and then add the first letter of the first word. In puzzle and boiler the third letters are Z and I, and the first letter of puzzle is P, making ZIP. In nettle and brands the third letters are T and A, and the first letter of nettle is N, giving TAN, so the answer is A) tan.

11. C — The middle word is built from the last letter of the third word plus the 2nd, 3rd and 4th letters of the first word. In the first group, lotion ends in N and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th letters of search are E, A, R, making NEAR. Do the same in the second group: strong ends in G and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th letters of camera are A, M, E, making GAME. So the answer is C) game.

12. A — In the first set each word changes just one letter to become the next word: PIN → PIT (change N to T) and PIT → LIT (change P to L). We need the same pattern for RUN → ? → MAY. Changing the last letter of RUN gives RAY, and then changing the first letter of RAY to M gives MAY. So the answer is A) ray.