

# Max's Maths and Word Puzzles: Verbal Reasoning Flashcards

*Learning objective: To practise identifying patterns, synonyms, and word relationships to build verbal reasoning skills.*

Read the front of the card. Think about the pattern or the meaning. Check the back to see if you are right. Use the word bank if you get stuck!

**What is a synonym?**

A word that means the same or almost the same as another word (e.g., big and large).

**What is an antonym?**

A word that means the opposite of another word (e.g., hot and cold).

**Find the synonym: Small is to Little as Big is to...**

Large.

**Find the antonym: Happy is to Sad as Fast is to...**

Slow.

**What is an anagram?**

A word made by moving the letters of another word (e.g., 'ear' and 'tea').

**What is a prefix?**

A group of letters added to the start of a word to change its meaning (e.g., 'un' in 'unhappy').

**What is a suffix?**

A group of letters added to the end of a word to change its meaning (e.g., 'ful' in 'helpful').

**Complete the pattern: Cat, Dog, Bird, Fish... What comes next?**

Any animal (e.g., Hamster).

**What is a root word?**

The base word before any prefixes or suffixes are added (e.g., 'play' is the root of 'playing').

**Complete the analogy: Pen is to Write as Scissors are to...**

Cut.

**Is 'un-' a prefix or a suffix?**

A prefix.

**What is the relationship between 'eat' and 'hungry'?**

We eat because we are hungry; it is a cause and effect relationship.