

The Lexical Logic Challenge with Pip the Caterpillar

Learning objective: To develop verbal reasoning skills by identifying analogies, understanding word relationships, and decoding complex linguistic patterns.

Pip the Caterpillar is sorting her collection of 'Word Pairs'. For each question, you must identify the relationship between the first pair of words and apply that same logic to complete the second pair. Use the word bank to find the best fit, ensuring your choice maintains the precise connection (e.g., synonym, antonym, part-to-whole, or category).

Word bank: Ocean · Oasis · Thirsty · Vast · Library · Pencil · Feather · Sturdy · Brave · Ancient

1. 1. Fragile is to Delicate as Resilient is to _____. (Explain the linguistic relationship between these pairs). (2 marks)

2. 2. Desert is to Sand as _____ is to Water. Justify why this is a logical classification. (2 marks)

3. 3. Book is to _____ as Painting is to Gallery. Compare and contrast how these locations function as containers for knowledge and art. (2 marks)

4. 4. Quill is to Writing as _____ is to Sketching. What might happen if we swapped these tools? Would the output change? (2 marks)

5. 5. Modern is to New as _____ is to Old. Explain why synonyms are essential for precise communication. (2 marks)

6. 6. Hungry is to Food as _____ is to Drink. Is there a more specific word than the one in the word bank? Justify your choice. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Word Tree' where the roots represent the base words and the branches _____ represent their synonyms and antonyms. Label the branches clearly.



Extension challenge: Create your own 'Triple Analogy' challenge for a partner. Write a sequence of three words that follow a specific pattern (e.g., Kitten : Cat :: Puppy : Dog :: Foal : Horse) and ask your partner to identify the rule governing your sequence.