

Verbal Reasoning: Logic and Linguistic Patterns

Learning objective: To develop logical deduction skills by identifying word relationships, solving analogy puzzles, and applying complex vocabulary in context.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of synonyms, antonyms, and linguistic patterns to deduce the correct answers. Max the monkey thinks these are the ultimate brain-teasers—see if you can match his logical speed!

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Word bank: Resilient · Fragile · Stagnant · Flourishing · Obstacle · Facilitate · Diminish · Augment

1. Choose the word that is most similar in meaning to 'Resilient'. Explain why this word is the most appropriate choice compared to the others. (2 marks)

2. Complete the following analogy: 'Obstacle is to Hinder as Facilitate is to _____.'. Justify your choice by explaining the relationship between the pairs. (2 marks)

3. Identify the odd one out in this sequence and justify your reasoning: Stagnant, Flourishing, Thriving, Prospering. (2 marks)

4. If 'Diminish' means to make something smaller, create a sentence using its antonym from the word bank. Ensure your sentence demonstrates a clear understanding of the word's meaning. (2 marks)

5. What might happen to a delicate glass vase if it were described as 'Fragile'? Compare this to how a 'Resilient' material might react under the same circumstances. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a visual representation of the word 'Flourishing' as if it were a garden, including hidden patterns that Zara the zebra would appreciate.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are Max the monkey. Create your own 'word analogy' puzzle using two new pairs of words. Challenge a partner to solve it and explain the logical connection you created.