

Verbal Ability Word Relationships – Practice Test 1

These questions assess your ability to identify the relationship between words and to then apply this verbal analogy. For example, you may be given a group of words and asked to identify the relationship between the words in this group. You can then select the word from the answer option which best fits with the group.

1) capital, arch, column

A
pilaster

B
edifice

C
bridge

D
temple

In the example above, capital, arch, column are all architectural features which can be found on buildings. Answer A is obviously the only word in the answer group which shares these characteristics.

Word Relationship		Operatives	Supervisory	Management
Craft & Technical			Y	Y
Clerical & Administrative			Y	Y
Police, Fire, Military etc.	Y			
Management Trainee	Y			
Graduate & Professional	Y			

These types of question appear in nearly all levels of verbal ability tests.

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30 Questions

Instructions: Answer as many questions as you can in 15 minutes. Circle the letter on the right which corresponds to the best answer.

- 1) medicine is to illness as law is to -----

A	B	C	D
anarchy	discipline	treason	etiquette

A B C D

- 2) square is to cube as circle is to -----

A	B	C	D
round	ball	pi	sphere

A B C D

- 3) king is to throne as judge is to -----

A	B	C	D
lawyer	bench	court	trial

A B C D

- 4) nib is to pen as lens is to -----

A	B	C	D
seeing	glass	focus	telescope

A B C D

- 5) settlement is to injury as pension is to -----

A	B	C	D
pensioner	maturity	retirement	age

A B C D

- 6) paper is to tree as glass is to -----

A	B	C	D
clear	sand	window	stone

A B C D

- 7) see is to look as feel is to -----

A	B	C	D
sense	nerve	hand	touch

A B C D

- 8) court is to judge as classroom is to -----

A	B	C	D
teacher	school	learning	pupil

A B C D

- 9) water is to pump as blood is to -----

A	B	C	D
artery	vein	heart	flow

A B C D

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10) machine is to mechanic as patient is to -----

A	B	C	D
dentist	hospital	disease	ward

A B C D

Instruction: Identify the relationship between the word pair in the question.
Circle the answer where the word pair shown has the most similar relationship.

11) levee : flood

A	B	C	D
dam : lake	armour : helmet	helmet : injury	water : tide

A B C D

12) color : spectrum

A	B	C	D
verse : rhyme	tone : scale	noise : waves	waves : sound

A B C D

13) extort : obtain

A	B	C	D
purify : strain	steal : borrow	explode : ignite	pilfer : steal

A B C D

14) heel : foot

A	B	C	D
beam : ship	hand : palm	stern : boat	cruiser : vessel

A B C D

15) slight : hurt

A	B	C	D
lag : tardiness	sound : noise	time : lateness	blind : light

A B C D

16) lethargy : tonic

A	B	C	D
revival : living	ill : recovery	cure : fix	toxin : antidote

A B C D

17) billy : nanny

A	B	C	D
cow : bull	lord : lady	silly : sally	cow : calf

A B C D

18) blade : slice

A	B	C	D
dig : shovel	spade : hole	bit : drill	iron : grid

A B C D

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19) note : bar

A	B	C	D
word : sentence	writing : paper	picture : pencil	word : letter

A B C D

20) fleeting : evaporate

A	B	C	D
pliant : yield	clear : penetrate	hard : struggle	illusory : exist

A B C D

Instruction: Identify the relationship between the word group in the question.
Circle the answer which fits best with the group.

21) barber, florist, draper

A	B	C	D
flower	cloth	milliner	hair

A B C D

22) alps, pennines, pyrenees

A	B	C	D
rockies	dolomites	urals	himalayas

A B C D

23) throw, volley, sling

A	B	C	D
hurl	grab	seize	catch

A B C D

24) pine, fir, cypress

A	B	C	D
mahogany	oak	spruce	teak

A B C D

25) wool, silk, leather

A	B	C	D
cotton	nylon	linen	fur

A B C D

26) bourbon, whisky, gin

A	B	C	D
beer	vodka	wine	lager

A B C D

27) capital, arch, column

A	B	C	D
pilaster	edifice	bridge	temple

A B C D

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28) bright, gleaming, brilliant

A	B	C	D
vigorous	energetic	radiant	lively

A B C D

29) vulture, hyena, crow

A	B	C	D
dolphin	maggot	eagle	tiger

A B C D

30) ounce, stone, pound

A	B	C	D
kilogramme	tonne	penny	dram

A B C D

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Answers

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|-----|----------|-----|----------|-----|----------|
| 1) | A | 11) | C | 21) | C |
| 2) | D | 12) | B | 22) | B |
| 3) | B | 13) | D | 23) | A |
| 4) | D | 14) | C | 24) | C |
| 5) | C | 15) | A | 25) | D |
| 6) | B | 16) | D | 26) | B |
| 7) | D | 17) | B | 27) | A |
| 8) | A | 18) | C | 28) | C |
| 9) | C | 19) | A | 29) | B |
| 10) | A | 20) | A | 30) | D |