

## 11-Plus Verbal Reasoning Quiz - Word Connections 2 (Questions)

Words can connect by being antonyms. An antonym is a word that means the opposite.

In this series of 11-plus verbal reasoning quizzes, you have to find TWO words, ONE from each set in brackets that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way. Choose the correct answer from the four choices available. The correct answer might be two opposites, two synonyms, or two words that share another characteristic.

Sometimes the two words which you need to find a partner for are verbs, and only an adverb will do, or sometimes both are nouns needing an adjective. This is where all your learning about parts of speech will come in handy!

Take your time, do your best and enjoy Word Connections quiz number 2.

Example: Start is to (*begin end today*) as end is to (*less finish send*)

*begin finish*

*begin send*

*end finish*

*today less*

Answer: The correct answer is *begin finish*

*begin* is a synonym of start and *finish* is a synonym of end and the others are unrelated.

1. Find TWO words, ONE from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.

Biologist is to (*biology scientist laboratory*) as botanist is to (*travel experiment plants*).

- scientist experiment
- biology plants
- scientist travel
- laboratory experiment

2. Find TWO words, ONE from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.

Surgeon is to (*scrubs scalpel operation*) as nun is to (*uniform habit convent*).

- scrubs uniform
- scalpel convent
- scrubs habit
- operation convent

3. Find TWO words, ONE from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.

Dog is to (*horse cat canine*) as horse is to (*bird ride equine*).

- horse bird
- canine ride
- canine equine
- cat bird

4. Find TWO words, ONE from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.

Happy is to (*joy pleasure elated*) as sad is to (*desire miserable calm*).

- elated miserable
- joy miserable
- joy calm
- pleasure desire

5. Find TWO words, ONE from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.

Live is to (*asleep active dead*) as awake is to (*alert asleep tired*).

- asleep alert
- dead alert
- dead asleep
- active tired

6. Find TWO words, ONE from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.

Anxious is to (*fretful thought restless*) as loving is to (*believe delighted kind*).

- thought kind
- thought believe
- fretful delighted
- fretful kind

7. Find TWO words, ONE from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.  
Fabulous is to (*story mystery fable*) as incredible is to (*believable credible doubt*).  
 story credible  
 fable credible  
 mystery doubt  
 mystery believable

8. Find TWO words, ONE from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.  
Bit is to (*piece bitten peace*) as lots is to (*number few many*).  
 peace many  
 piece many  
 piece few  
 piece number

9. Find TWO words, ONE from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.  
History is to (*subject documents king*) as Maths is to (*sum book numbers*).  
 subject book  
 documents sum  
 documents numbers  
 king book

10. Find TWO words, ONE from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.  
Fear is to (*brave courage dread*) as rise is to (*top above fall*).  
 courage fall  
 courage above  
 brave top  
 dread fall

## 11-Plus Verbal Reasoning Quiz - Word Connections 2 (Answers)

1. Find **TWO** words, **ONE** from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.

Biologist is to (*biology scientist laboratory*) as botanist is to (*travel experiment plants*).

- scientist experiment
- biology plants
- scientist travel
- laboratory experiment

The correct answer is *biology plants* because biology is what a biologist studies, while plants are studied by a botanist

2. Find **TWO** words, **ONE** from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.

Surgeon is to (*scrubs scalpel operation*) as nun is to (*uniform habit convent*).

- scrubs uniform
- scalpel convent
- scrubs habit
- operation convent

The correct answer is *scrubs habit* because scrubs are what we call a surgeon's uniform, and nuns wear clothes called a habit

3. Find **TWO** words, **ONE** from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.

Dog is to (*horse cat canine*) as horse is to (*bird ride equine*).

- horse bird
- canine ride
- canine equine
- cat bird

The correct answer is *canine equine* because canine is the scientific class for dogs, and equine is the scientific class for horses. Do you know the scientific class for cats? Read on for the answer

4. Find **TWO** words, **ONE** from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.

Happy is to (*joy pleasure elated*) as sad is to (*desire miserable calm*).

- elated miserable
- joy miserable
- joy calm
- pleasure desire

The correct answer is *elated miserable* because happy and elated mean the same thing. Sad and miserable also mean the same thing so only *elated miserable* works

5. Find **TWO** words, **ONE** from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.

Live is to (*asleep active dead*) as awake is to (*alert asleep tired*).

- asleep alert
- dead alert
- dead asleep
- active tired

The correct answer is *dead asleep* because they are the opposites of live and awake. Let's hope you never mistake asleep for dead!

6. Find **TWO** words, **ONE** from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.

Anxious is to (*fretful thought restless*) as loving is to (*believe delighted kind*).

- thought kind
- thought believe
- fretful delighted
- fretful kind

The correct answer is *fretful kind* because fretful is another word for anxious or worried, and kind is another word for loving

7. Find **TWO** words, **ONE** from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.

Fabulous is to (*story mystery fable*) as incredible is to (*believable credible doubt*).

- story credible
- fable credible
- mystery doubt
- mystery believable

The correct answer is *fable credible* because they are both the root word for the words they partner. Fabulous comes from fable and incredible comes from credible. The puzzle in question 3? The scientific class for cats is feline

8. Find **TWO** words, **ONE** from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.

Bit is to (*piece bitten peace*) as lots is to (*number few many*).

- peace many
- piece many
- piece few
- piece number

The correct answer is *piece many* because piece means the same thing as bit, and many means the same as lots. Number is close, but you could have a number of books without it being a lot!

9. Find TWO words, ONE from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.  
History is to (*subject documents king*) as Maths is to (*sum book numbers*).

- subject book
- documents sum
- documents numbers
- king book

The correct answer is *documents numbers* because History is the study of documents, and Maths is the study of numbers

10. Find TWO words, ONE from each set in brackets below that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way.  
Fear is to (*brave courage dread*) as rise is to (*top above fall*).

- courage fall
- courage above
- brave top
- dread fall

The correct answer is *courage fall* because courage is the opposite of fear and fall is the opposite of rise. Well done! You have now finished the second in the series of four Word Connections quizzes, which means you are half way there, if you are doing them in order. Skip forward now to number 3!