

11-Plus Verbal Reasoning Quiz - Word Connections 4 (Questions)

These words might connect because both are nouns, or verbs or some other reason - that's for you to work out!

In this series of 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.

You'll probably be pleased to hear that this is the last of our 11-Plus Verbal Reasoning quizzes on word connections - well done for making it this far! You may think you've got the hang of these by now but beware! As in any test, read each question carefully before choosing the answer you think is correct. Take your time and don't rush - that's a good piece of advice for this quiz, your tests at school and for your exams.

So now, let the quiz begin - good luck!

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.

Intentional is to (*accidental intended unknown*) as knowledge is to (*learning educated ignorance*).

- ☐ accidental learning
- ☐ intended educated
- ☐ accidental ignorance
- ☐ unknown ignorance

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

Landlord is to (*boss house tenant*) as employer is to (*volunteer work employee*).

- ☐ boss employee
- ☐ house work
- ☐ tenant volunteer
- ☐ tenant employee

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

Maximum is to (*minimum most extra*) as majority is to (*greatest minority little*).

- ☐ minimum minority
- ☐ minimum little
- ☐ most little
- ☐ extra minority

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

Optimist is to (*happy hopeful pessimist*) as permanent is to (*occasional temporary often*).

- ☐ happy occasional
- ☐ hopeful temporary
- ☐ pessimist occasional
- ☐ pessimist temporary

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

Polite is to (*mannerly rude impolite*) as rigid is to (*smooth soft pliable*).

- ☐ rude soft
- ☐ rude pliable
- ☐ impolite pliable
- ☐ impolite smooth

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

Sweet is to (*sugary sour light*) as clean is to (*immaculate soiled untidy*).

- ☐ sugary immaculate
- ☐ sugary soiled
- ☐ sour untidy
- ☐ sour immaculate

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

Success is to (*exam succeed enjoy*) as failure is to (*fail fall failed*).

- ☐ succeed fall
- ☐ enjoy failed
- ☐ exam fail
- ☐ succeed fail

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

Vacant is to (*empty occupied used*) as empty is to (*half full fullest*).

- ☐ occupied fullest
- ☐ empty half
- ☐ occupied full
- ☐ used full

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

Obedient is to (*comply compliant complies*) as disobedient is to (*refuse stubborn insubordinate*).

- ☐ complies refuse
- ☐ compliant insubordinate
- ☐ comply insubordinate
- ☐ comply stubborn

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

Few is to (*many more most*) as scarce is to (*abundant lacking everywhere*).

- ☐ many abundant
- ☐ more lacking
- ☐ most abundant
- ☐ many everywhere

11-Plus Verbal Reasoning Quiz - Word Connections 4 (Answers)

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

Intentional is to (*accidental intended unknown*) as knowledge is to (*learning educated ignorance*).

- ☐ accidental learning
- ☐ intended educated
- ☒ accidental ignorance
- ☐ unknown ignorance

The correct answer is *accidental ignorance* because intentional and accidental are antonyms of each other (they are exact opposites) while knowledge is the exact opposite of ignorance

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

Landlord is to (*boss house tenant*) as employer is to (*volunteer work employee*).

- ☐ boss employee
- ☐ house work
- ☐ tenant volunteer
- ☒ tenant employee

The correct answer is *tenant employee* because landlord and tenant are opposites, and employer and employee are opposites. We often use the suffix 'ee' in words to show that something is in a relationship with something else. Can you think of any other words that work like this? Some ideas follow in one of the answers below

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

Maximum is to (*minimum most extra*) as majority is to (*greatest minority little*)

- ☒ minimum minority
- ☐ minimum little
- ☐ most little
- ☐ extra minority

The correct answer is *minimum minority* because the opposite of maximum is minimum and the opposite of majority is minority. Majority means more than half of something, and minority means less than half

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

Optimist is to (*happy hopeful pessimist*) as permanent is to (*occasional temporary often*).

- ☐ happy occasional
- ☐ hopeful temporary
- ☐ pessimist occasional
- ☒ pessimist temporary

The correct answer is *pessimist temporary* because optimist and pessimist are opposites, in the same way as permanent and temporary are opposites. An optimist is a person who always thinks something good will happen but a pessimist thinks only bad things can happen. Which are you?

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

Polite is to (*mannerly rude impolite*) as rigid is to (*smooth soft pliable*)

- ☐ rude soft
- ☐ rude pliable
- ☒ impolite pliable
- ☐ impolite smooth

The correct answer is *impolite pliable* because the opposite of polite is impolite (yes, rude also means the same thing, but the proper opposite is impolite) and rigid (cannot be bent) is the opposite of pliable (easily bent)

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

Sweet is to (*sugary sour light*) as clean is to (*immaculate soiled untidy*).

- ☒ sugary immaculate
- ☐ sugary soiled
- ☐ sour untidy
- ☐ sour immaculate

The correct answer is *sugary immaculate* because sweet and sugary mean the same thing, and clean and immaculate are closest in meaning from the choices available. Immaculate means completely, or extremely clean

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

Success is to (*exam succeed enjoy*) as failure is to (*fail fall failed*).

- ☐ succeed fail
- ☐ enjoy failed
- ☐ exam fail
- ☒ succeed fail

The correct answer is *succeed fail* because success is the noun we get from the verb 'to succeed' while failure is the noun we get from the verb 'to fail'. Did you hear about the budgie with the blunt beak? Read about it in the answer to question 10. From the puzzle in question 2 we came up with fiancée, absentee, divorcee. How many more can you think of?

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- ☐ complies refuse
- ☒ compliant insubordinate
- ☐ comply insubordinate
- ☐ comply stubborn

The correct answer is *compliant insubordinate* because compliant is a synonym for obedient, and insubordinate is a synonym for disobedient. A soldier who will not follow orders can be charged with insubordination

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

Vacant is to (*empty occupied used*) as empty is to (*half full fullest*).

- ☐ occupied fullest
- ☐ empty half
- ☒ occupied full
- ☐ used full

The correct answer is *occupied full* because occupied and vacant are opposites, and empty is the opposite of full. Remember pessimist and optimist from question 4? A pessimist, looking at a half glass of milk, would say it was half empty, while an optimist would say it was half full!

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

Few is to (*many more most*) as scarce is to (*abundant lacking everywhere*).

- ☒ many abundant
- ☐ more lacking
- ☐ most abundant
- ☐ many everywhere

The correct answer is *many abundant* because few and many are opposites of each other and abundant means the opposite of scarce. Well done! You have now finished all four of the Word connections quizzes. Remember the budgie with the blunt beak in question 7? He was born to succeed!