Pair Pattern Puzzle

Sort analogies by the link between word pairs.

10.4.R.1 "Students will analyze the relationships among synonyms, antonyms, and analogies."

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SYNONYM ANALOGY

The words in each pair have similar meanings. Both pairs show the same kind of link.

nimble : agile :: silent : quiet

ANTONYM ANALOGY

The words in each pair have opposite meanings. Both pairs show the same kind of link.

scarce : abundant :: rigid : flexible

1 SORT

8 items

For each analogy, circle SYNONYM or ANTONYM, then choose two numbered items and explain how both word pairs support your choice.

1.	candid : frank :: timid : shy	SYNONYM ANTONYM
2.	expand : contract :: ascend : descend	SYNONYM ANTONYM
3.	permanent : temporary :: generous : stingy	SYNONYM ANTONYM
4.	weary : exhausted :: furious : enraged	SYNONYM ANTONYM
5.	obscure : unclear :: impartial : unbiased	SYNONYM ANTONYM
6.	brief : short :: immense : enormous	SYNONYM ANTONYM
7.	vivid : dull :: humble : arrogant	SYNONYM ANTONYM
8.	accept : reject :: conceal : reveal	SYNONYM ANTONYM

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new synonym analogy and one new antonym analogy.

SYNONYM _____

ANTONYM _____

CHALLENGE

Write an analogy that fails because one pair contains synonyms and the other contains antonyms, then explain the mismatch in one sentence.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	candid : frank :: timid : shy	**SYNONYM**	Candid and frank have similar meanings, as do timid and shy.
2	expand : contract :: ascend : descend	**ANTONYM**	Expand and contract are opposites, as are ascend and descend.
3	permanent : temporary :: generous : stingy	**ANTONYM**	Permanent and temporary are opposites, as are generous and stingy.
4	weary : exhausted :: furious : enraged	**SYNONYM**	Weary and exhausted have similar meanings, as do furious and enraged.
5	obscure : unclear :: impartial : unbiased	**SYNONYM**	Obscure and unclear have similar meanings, as do impartial and unbiased.
6	brief : short :: immense : enormous	**SYNONYM**	Brief and short have similar meanings, as do immense and enormous.
7	vivid : dull :: humble : arrogant	**ANTONYM**	Vivid and dull are opposites, as are humble and arrogant.
8	accept : reject :: conceal : reveal	**ANTONYM**	Accept and reject are opposites, as are conceal and reveal.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **SYNONYM**: prudent : wise :: tranquil : peaceful
- **ANTONYM**: optimistic : pessimistic :: victory : defeat

Challenge: elated : joyful :: cautious : reckless. Elated and joyful are synonyms, but cautious and reckless are antonyms, so the relationships do not match.

For Part 2, look for explanations of both word pairs in each chosen item. For Part 3, each analogy must use the same relationship in both pairs.