Word Pair Logic

Find the relationship that connects both pairs.

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

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SYNONYM ANALOGY

Both word pairs have similar meanings. The relationship in the first pair matches the relationship in the second.

lucid : clear :: arduous : difficult

ANTONYM ANALOGY

Both word pairs have opposite meanings. The relationship in the first pair matches the relationship in the second.

scarce : plentiful :: rigid : flexible

1 SORT

8 items

For items 1–8, circle SYNONYM or ANTONYM, then choose one item from each category and explain how both word pairs prove your choices.

1. meticulous : thorough :: impartial : unbiased — SYNONYM ANTONYM

2. opaque : transparent :: generous : stingy — SYNONYM ANTONYM

3. timid : bold :: optimistic : pessimistic — SYNONYM ANTONYM

4. obsolete : outdated :: concise : brief — SYNONYM ANTONYM

5. vigilant : watchful :: serene : tranquil — SYNONYM ANTONYM

6. incessant : unceasing :: reluctant : unwilling — SYNONYM ANTONYM

7. expand : contract :: permit : forbid — SYNONYM ANTONYM

8. temporary : permanent :: artificial : natural — SYNONYM ANTONYM

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Choose one item from each category and explain how both word pairs prove your choices.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new four-word analogy for each category, using words that do not appear in the examples or items.

SYNONYM _____

ANTONYM _____

CHALLENGE

Change exactly two words in your synonym analogy to make an antonym analogy; write the new analogy and explain how each pair changed.

ANSWER KEY # Word Pair Logic

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	meticulous : thorough :: impartial : unbiased	**SYNONYM**	Meticulous means thorough, and impartial means unbiased.
2	opaque : transparent :: generous : stingy	**ANTONYM**	Opaque contrasts with transparent, and generous contrasts with stingy.
3	timid : bold :: optimistic : pessimistic	**ANTONYM**	Timid contrasts with bold, and optimistic contrasts with pessimistic.
4	obsolete : outdated :: concise : brief	**SYNONYM**	Obsolete means outdated, and concise means brief.
5	vigilant : watchful :: serene : tranquil	**SYNONYM**	Vigilant means watchful, and serene means tranquil.
6	incessant : unceasing :: reluctant : unwilling	**SYNONYM**	Incessant means unceasing, and reluctant means unwilling.
7	expand : contract :: permit : forbid	**ANTONYM**	Expand contrasts with contract, and permit contrasts with forbid.
8	temporary : permanent :: artificial : natural	**ANTONYM**	Temporary contrasts with permanent, and artificial contrasts with natural.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Choose one item from each category and explain how both word pairs prove your choices. Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **SYNONYM**: elevated : raised :: dormant : inactive
- **ANTONYM**: victory : defeat :: acquire : relinquish

Challenge: elevated : lowered :: dormant : active. I changed raised to lowered and inactive to active, so each pair now shows opposite meanings instead of similar meanings.

For Part 2, each explanation should address both pairs. For example, item 1 pairs words with similar meanings, while item 2 pairs words with opposite meanings.