

# Verbal Reasoning

## Odd Ones Out

### What do I do?



Within the list of five words, three of them are linked. You need to find the two odd words, not linked to the others.

### What skills do I need to improve?



**Doing lots of practice questions will help with becoming familiar with question types but what else can you do to improve in this area?**

### Top Tips!



Things to look for:

- Themes and topics
- Word meanings
- Specialised words
- Categories

These questions will test your wider knowledge and vocabulary skills.

- Look for words that you understand initially and ask yourself what subject or topic they belong to.
- Think about word meanings - are there any similarities?
- Watch out for homophones!

### Find the odd two words in the following lists.

- 1) trout, pike, prawn, flounder, sea
- 2) glance, look, examine, pierce, probe
- 3) cheese, butter, pantry, closet, larder
- 4) loafer, Chelsea, hiking, Wellington, brogue
- 5) disenchanting, usual, bizarre, phenomenal, remarkable
- 6) adverb, simile, personification, adjective, metaphor
- 7) ladle, tea, table, napkin, chair
- 8) igneous, sedimentary, metamorphic, marble, granite
- 9) trumpet, saxophone, tuba, clarinet, oboe
- 10) knowledgeable, new, immature, wit, callow

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### Answers

- 1) **prawn & sea** - *the other words are types of fish*
- 2) **glance & pierce** - *the other words mean 'to investigate'*
- 3) **cheese & butter** - *the other words are synonyms of the word 'cupboard'*
- 4) **loafer & brogue** - *the other words are types of boot*
- 5) **disenchanted & usual** - *the other words mean 'unusual'*
- 6) **adverb & adjective** - *the other words are terms to describe literary devices*
- 7) **napkin & chair** - *the other words are types of spoon*
- 8) **marble & granite** - *the other words are categories of rock*
- 9) **trumpet & tuba** - *the other words are woodwind instruments*
- 10) **knowledgeable & wit** - *the other words mean 'inexperienced'*