

Verbal Reasoning

Use a Rule to Make a word

Practice Questions

1. HIVE (NET) NEST WRAP (____) ABLE
2. ROOF (ODE) DOME SHIN (____) ACID
3. MAKE (LIE) FILM LAMP (____) COME
4. SHOE (BOY) RUBY LAME (____) LIEU
5. REIN (MEN) HOME GREY (____) ALTO
6. RACE (TEE) MELT NICE (____) FACT
7. FEUD (FEE) FIRE SHED (____) AGES
8. CHIN (INK) NECK DOOR (____) DAME

What do I do?

The words in both sets follow the same pattern. Find the missing word to complete the second set, so that the rule matches the first set.

Top Tips!

- Try writing the numbers 1-8 across the two words - separated by the brackets
- Figure out your letter options and if there's more than one letter the same, write both down to see if either make a word
- Revise tricky 3 letter words in order to recognise them, especially those starting with a vowel - ire, ilk, ore...
- See if you can create your own 'use a rule' problem to test your family and friends

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?

- Revise common letter strings and word families such as: 'ight', 'ough', 'our' and 'ear'. Create mind maps of each of them.
- Revise more anagram type questions along with question types that jumble up words in a sentence.
- Play games such as 'Boggle' to see how many words you can find from a set of letters in one minute.

How many three letter words, starting with a vowel, can you find in 2 minutes?

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Answers

1. HIVE (NET) NEST WRAP (**APE**) ABLE
2. ROOF (ODE) DOME SHIN (**HAD**) ACID
3. MAKE (LIE) FILM LAMP (**MOP**) COME
4. SHOE (BOY) RUBY LAME (**EMU**) LIEU
5. REIN (MEN) HOME GREY (**TOY or TRY**) ALTO
6. RACE (TEE) MELT NICE (**TEA**) FACT
7. FEUD (FEE) FIRE SHED (**ASH**) AGES
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