

**Vocabulary: Synonyms, Antonyms, and Analogies**

This type of item asks you to pay attention to word relationships. It asks you to find a synonym or an antonym, or to complete an analogy.

**PRACTICE**

Choose the word that best matches what each item asks you to do. \_\_\_\_\_

For items 1 through 4, choose the answer that has nearly the *same* meaning as the underlined word.

1 thrive in the sunshine

- A toil                      C cultivate  
B flourish                D relax

3 source of the song

- A volume                C melody  
B lyrics                 D origin

2 neglected her homework

- A ignored                C graded  
B dreaded                D reviewed

4 creased shirt

- A wrinkled              C plaid  
B filthy                  D checked

For items 5 through 7, choose the answer that has the *opposite* meaning of the underlined word.

5 tedious book

- A difficult                C fascinating  
B boring                 D illustrated

7 vague answer

- A lengthy                C obscure  
B confusing             D specific

6 miserable crowd

- A nervous                C dreary  
B jubilant                D drenched

For items 8 through 10, choose the word that correctly completes the analogy.

8 Cathedral is to chapel as mansion is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A castle                 C cottage  
B steeple                D entrance

10 Lawyer is to court as scientist is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A laboratory            C experiment  
B microscope            D trial

9 Bacteria is to disease as medicine is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A symptoms             C health  
B germs                 D capsule



**Tip:** Read each item carefully. Note what it asks you to do. You may need to find a synonym (a word with nearly the same meaning) or an antonym (a word with the opposite meaning). Or, you may need to complete an analogy, which shows a relationship between pairs of words.

**Challenge:** Write a paragraph about gardening. Use at least four of these words: thrive, toil, flourish, cultivate, relax.