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Vocabulary Strategy

ANALOGIES

An analogy compares two items that may have many points of similarity or may be alike in only one way. Analyzing an analogy can help you clarify an idea, such as Wollstonecraft's view, expressed in this passage, of men's fear that education will make women too masculine:

Indeed the word masculine is only a bugbear: there is little reason to fear that women will acquire too much courage or fortitude; for their apparent inferiority with respect to bodily strength, must render them, in some degree, dependent on men in various relations of life . . . (lines 84–87)

Wollstonecraft compares the word *masculine* to a bugbear, or object of exaggerated fear, to convey the idea that women are still physically inferior to men and will always depend on men for some things.

Directions: In each analogy, identify what is being compared, and explain how the comparison helps convey the main idea of the passage.

1. In the search for a cure for a serious illness, researchers are like hunters following tracks through unfamiliar territory. Some tracks turn out to be dead ends, leading nowhere; others wind their way to the secret spot where the prey takes cover.

2. Trying to write a convincing essay without an outline is like trying to bake a cake without a recipe. Even with all the right ingredients, failing to put them together correctly can result in an unappetizing mess that no one wants to taste.

3. Choosing a college based on a picture in a magazine is like buying a pair of shoes without trying them on. They may be so tight you can't wiggle your toes or so loose you can't keep them on your feet.
