

OVRT - Open Vocabulary Reasoning Test

Sample Questions

1 - Classic match-finding

Which word is the best match?

Match	1	2	3	4	5	Answer
Corpulent	bodily	military	fat	tolerant	dead	
Cognizant	aware	partial	complete	authorized	in progress	
Commiserate	incomplete	following	relative	sympathize	ordinary	

2 - Pick 2 of 5

Two of the words in each row match in some way. Which two?

1	2	3	4	5	Answer 1	Answer 2
parameter	plaudit	factor	similarity	creation		
allowed	speculative	begotten	authorized	reliant		
atomize	glamorize	pulverize	sympathize	empathize		

3 - Pick 3 of 5

Three of the words in each row match in some way. Which two do not?

1	2	3	4	5	Answer 1	Answer 2
plaudit	shame	exemplar	guilt	anxiety		
reliant	heroic	brave	brassy	valiant		
aspiration	ambition	ideal	great	awesome		

4) Pairs and triplets

Make pairs or triplets of these words:

aspire	make	pacify	strive
craft	ease	hostile	soothe
grumpy	do	intend	cranky

Make pairs or triplets of these words:

ameliorate	inject	scold	penetrate
formulate	castigate	make up	create
disparage	calm	puncture	soothe

5) Categorization

Organize or sort these 12 words into categories. How many categories? That is up to you. Optionally, name each category.

discontinuation	expiration	stoppage	allegiance
benevolence	pause	faith	devotion
kindness	fidelity	interruption	mercy

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6) Double or triple meanings

Below you see tables of words, arranged in columns. Each column of words is alike in some way. Under each table are more words. Which of the words under each table, goes into both, or all 3, of the columns?

tree	squeal
leaves	howl
roots	whine

shoots glass bark tattle buds

bright	comely	impartial
clear	bonny	even-handed
cloudless	fetching	just

fair attractive knockout hot

7) Misfit

Which word doesn't belong?

- 1) energy firepower possibility horsepower might muscle potency power strength vigor
- 2) biased decent ethical honest honorable noble principled respectable righteous moral scrupulous

8) Odd man out

In each **column**, **2 words make a pair** in some way - synonyms, antonyms, opponents, allies, similar units or dimensions, et cetera. **2 other words make another pair**. Which one word is **the odd man out**?

hot	cuneiform	pretentious	appeal	piety	acquit
miserable	rabid	pretty	lenient	sloth	proportionate
sapient	verbose	beautiful	sentence	wisdom	fair
cold	flowery	palatial	condemn	gluttony	exciting
fortunate	sane	simple	strict	levity	absolve

9) Out of order

Each of the below sets of words is a pattern that changes in some way, such as increasing or decreasing. But one of the words breaks the pattern. Which one?

notice bug annoy bother enrage gripe

stuffy grumpy irritable peevish abusive grumpy snappish

prefer addiction favorite aficionado connoisseur devotee slavish

10) Positive relation

"smart" is to "genius" as "adept" is to:

- 1) inept
- 2) capable
- 3) prodigious
- 4) prodigal
- 5) skilled

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11) Negative relation plus parts of speech

"binoculars" is to "blind" as "stethoscope" is to:

- 1) falsity
- 2) hearing
- 3) deaf
- 4) doctor
- 5) lungs

12) Combinations - Continuation/extension of 10) and 11) above, credit due to Baddeley.

When making word pairs, use these option pairs/quartets, to accomplish powers-of-two question types.

2 powers of two: 4 types (closenesses, intensities, strengths, distances) of conceptual relation:

1) Direct conceptual relation

Example: *binoculars, blind*

What links them is vision. The concept of vision "just leaps out at you." Or doesn't.

2) Indirect conceptual relation

Example: *binoculars, deaf* - The concept that links them is perception. It may require some thought or pondering, to come up with this concept/linkage.

3) Distant conceptual relation

Example: *binoculars, lame*

Both have to do with ability. Vision's a perceptual ability, lameness a performance (in)ability.

4) No conceptual relation

Example: *binoculars, stump*. The most you can say is that:

- they're both objects, which isn't saying much, or,
- you can look at a stump with binoculars, which isn't saying much either.

1 power of two: Synonym/antonym

2 powers of two: 4 parts of speech. Examples:

Noun	Verb(s)	Adjective	Adverb
Rock	Pelt, Stone	Adamantine	Stolidly
Crutch	Help, Assist	Helpful	Helpfully
Pylon	Build, Construct, Erect	Soaring	Constructively
Pool	Swim	Wet	Fluidly
Desk	Administer	Administrative	Bureaucratically
Knife	Cut	Incisive	Incisively
Axe	Chop	Cutting	Cuttingly
Tome	Ponder	Weighty	Authoritatively

1 power of two: Negation. Different from antonym; add in a word/prefix like "not", or "un". Examples:

Knife is to "not incisive" as club is to

domineering	crude	surgical	fluid
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Compass is to "not mismanaged" as ruler is to

calibrated	methodically	spontaneous	chaotic
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Total Combinations: 6 powers of 2: enough for 64 types of "A is to B as X is to ____" questions.

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Note: Not all of the above 64 question types will work in any given language. For example:

Right is to Wrong as Steal is to:

- share
- *give - Polish oddać
- offer
- plunder
- forfeit

Discern is to Miss as Memory is to:

- recall
- *forget - French oublier
- remember
- remind
- prompt

The first/left question involves both negation and a forceful transfer - English has phrases like "give over" or "sacrifice" but no opposite of "steal". The second question calls for a noun indicating "that which has been forgotten" but English lacks such a noun.

13) False friends

From the pairs of words on the right, choose the one that goes with the sentence on the left.

If you want to shut someone up you hire a:	cancel, censure
If you want to castigate someone you move to:	cancel, censure
He wants to put someone down so he:	deprecates, depreciates
He buys a car but doesn't like that it:	deprecates, depreciates
She goes to a poetry reading but finds the verse to be:	execrable, inexorable
They try to stop the movement but find it to be:	execrable, inexorable
The dentist mentions that you have this kind of cavity:	buccal, bucolic
Your friend from the city wants to go where it is:	buccal, bucolic
The dentist mentions that you have this kind of cavity:	labial, lapidary
The gem and mineral show offers this service:	labial, lapidary

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