

CAT4 Verbal Reasoning Practice Pack

Eight practice questions covering both CAT4 Verbal Reasoning question types — Verbal Classification and Verbal Analogies — each with a full step-by-step explanation.

A companion to the free online practice test at cat4-prep.com

8 questions · 2 question types · full explanations

Start Your Practice Session

This pack contains eight Verbal Reasoning questions — four Verbal Classification and four Verbal Analogies. They are not the same questions used on the website or in the free online test, so this gives you fresh material to work with.

What You'll Find Inside

- Each question on its own page, followed by a full step-by-step explanation — attempt it first, then check
- Every wrong answer explained: not just "incorrect," but exactly what kind of mistake it represents
- A Golden Tip after each question — a strategy that carries over to the real test, not just this one item

A note on difficulty: the questions get harder as you go, and they cover a spread of difficulty rather than being written for one CAT4 level. Some will feel straightforward and some will feel like a stretch — that is intentional, and finding a question hard does not indicate a problem. For practice matched to a specific level, see the [CAT4 level guides](#).

For the full Verbal Reasoning guide and the free interactive practice test with instant scoring, visit cat4-prep.com/cat4-verbal-reasoning.

Verbal Classification

The three words are alike in some way. Choose the answer that goes with them.

engine

wheel

brake

A

road

B

petrol

C

gearbox

D

garage

E

driver

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Step-by-Step Explanation

Before checking the answer, work through what connects the three given words.

Question type

Verbal Classification

Relationship type

Part of a system

Skill tested

Category precision

Step 1 — Study the three words

engine

A component that powers the car

wheel

A component the car rolls on

brake

A component that slows the car down

Step 2 — Name the rule

THE RULE

All three words name a physical component that makes up the car itself.
The category is components — not anything simply connected to driving.

COMMON TRAP

Words strongly associated with cars — where they're driven, what fuels them, who drives them — are not the same as being a car component.

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Step 3 — Test Every Option

A **road**
A road is where a car is driven, not a part of the car.

✗ **Incorrect — Thematic lure**

B **petrol**
Petrol fuels the car but is not one of its components.

✗ **Incorrect — Thematic lure**

C **gearbox**
A gearbox is a component that makes up the car, just like the engine, wheel, and brake.

✓ **Correct**

D **garage**
A garage is where a car is kept, not a part of the car.

✗ **Incorrect — Location trap**

E **driver**
A driver operates the car but is not a component of it.

✗ **Incorrect — Agent trap**

VERBAL CLASSIFICATION · QUESTION 1

Answer & Key Takeaway

A

road

B

petrol

C

gearbox

D

garage

E

driver

GOLDEN TIP

When a category feels like "things to do with X," narrow it further. Ask whether each option is literally a piece of the thing, or just something related to it.

IN SHORT

Only **gearbox** shares the exact connection between engine | wheel | brake. Every other option fails for a specific, nameable reason — not just "it doesn't fit."

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Verbal Classification

The three words are alike in some way. Choose the answer that goes with them.

cross

annoyed

irritated

A

furious

B

bothered

C

delighted

D

enraged

E

content

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Step-by-Step Explanation

Before checking the answer, work through what connects the three given words.

Question type

Verbal Classification

Relationship type

Degree / intensity

Skill tested

Category precision

Step 1 — Study the three words

cross

Mildly angry or displeased

annoyed

Mildly troubled or displeased

irritated

Mildly angered by something

Step 2 — Name the rule

THE RULE

All three words describe a mild level of annoyance. The category is not simply "negative feelings" — it is this particular intensity.

COMMON TRAP

Words from the same emotion family but at a much stronger intensity are the classic trap in degree questions. They feel related, but the strength does not match.

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Step 3 — Test Every Option

A **furious**

Furious describes intense anger — the right emotion family, but far too strong for this group.

✗ **Incorrect — Degree mismatch**

B **bothered**

Bothered sits at the same mild level as cross, annoyed, and irritated.

✓ **Correct**

C **delighted**

Delighted is a strongly positive feeling — the opposite direction entirely.

✗ **Incorrect — Wrong valence**

D **enraged**

Enraged describes extreme anger, stronger even than furious.

✗ **Incorrect — Degree mismatch**

E **content**

Content means calm and satisfied — the opposite emotional direction.

✗ **Incorrect — Wrong valence**

VERBAL CLASSIFICATION · QUESTION 2

Answer & Key Takeaway

A

furious

B

bothered

C

delighted

D

enraged

E

content

GOLDEN TIP

For degree questions, check two things: is the option in the right family, and is it at the same strength? Getting the family right is only half the job.

IN SHORT

Only **bothered** shares the exact connection between cross | annoyed | irritated. Every other option fails for a specific, nameable reason — not just "it doesn't fit."

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Verbal Classification

The three words are alike in some way. Choose the answer that goes with them.

hammer

screwdriver

pliers

A

nail

B

toolbox

C

workshop

D

spanner

E

carpenter

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Step-by-Step Explanation

Before checking the answer, work through what connects the three given words.

Question type	Relationship type	Skill tested
Verbal Classification	Function class	Category precision

Step 1 — Study the three words

hammer

A hand tool used for striking

screwdriver

A hand tool used for turning screws

pliers

A hand tool used for gripping

Step 2 — Name the rule

THE RULE

All three words are hand tools — implements a person holds and uses directly to do a job.

COMMON TRAP

Objects, places, and people connected to tools are easily mistaken for tools themselves. Check whether the option IS a tool, not whether it is related to tools.

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Step 3 — Test Every Option

A **nail**
A nail is something a tool acts upon, not a tool itself.
✗ Incorrect — Object trap

B **toolbox**
A toolbox stores tools; it is not a tool.
✗ Incorrect — Container trap

C **workshop**
A workshop is where tools are used; it is not a tool.
✗ Incorrect — Location trap

D **spanner**
A spanner is a hand tool, just like a hammer, screwdriver, and pliers.
✓ Correct

E **carpenter**
A carpenter uses tools; a person is not a tool.
✗ Incorrect — Agent trap

VERBAL CLASSIFICATION · QUESTION 3

Answer & Key Takeaway

A

nail

B

toolbox

C

workshop

D

spanner

E

carpenter

GOLDEN TIP

When the category is a type of object, sort the options quickly into three buckets: is-a-tool, used-with-a-tool, and person-who-uses-tools. Only the first can be correct.

IN SHORT

Only **spanner** shares the exact connection between hammer | screwdriver | pliers. Every other option fails for a specific, nameable reason — not just "it doesn't fit."

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Verbal Classification

The three words are alike in some way. Choose the answer that goes with them.

generous

charitable

giving

A

wealthy

B

selfish

C

benevolent

D

frugal

E

poor

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Step-by-Step Explanation

Before checking the answer, work through what connects the three given words.

Question type

Verbal Classification

Relationship type

Synonym group

Skill tested

Category precision

Step 1 — Study the three words

generous

Willing to give freely to others

charitable

Inclined to help those in need

giving

Ready to give time, money, or help

Step 2 — Name the rule

THE RULE

All three words describe a person's character — specifically a willingness to give to others. This is about behaviour, not money.

COMMON TRAP

A word linked to generosity by stereotype is not the same as a word meaning generous. A wealthy person can be stingy, and someone with very little can be generous.

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Step 3 — Test Every Option

A **wealthy**

Wealthy describes how much money someone has, not their willingness to give it away.

✗ **Incorrect — Attribute lure**

B **selfish**

Selfish is the opposite of generous, charitable, and giving.

✗ **Incorrect — Reversed direction**

C **benevolent**

Benevolent means kind and generous towards others, matching the shared meaning of the group.

✓ **Correct**

D **frugal**

Frugal means careful with money — close to the opposite of generous.

✗ **Incorrect — Near-reversed direction**

E **poor**

Poor describes financial position, not generosity of character.

✗ **Incorrect — Attribute lure**

VERBAL CLASSIFICATION · QUESTION 4

Answer & Key Takeaway

A

wealthy

B

selfish

C

benevolent

D

frugal

E

poor

GOLDEN TIP

If you do not know one of the words, work by elimination instead. Rule out the opposites and the ones about the wrong thing entirely, and the answer is often what remains.

IN SHORT

Only **benevolent** shares the exact connection between generous | charitable | giving. Every other option fails for a specific, nameable reason — not just "it doesn't fit."

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Verbal Analogies

The first pair of words go together in a certain way. Choose the word that goes with the third word in the same way.

sparrow → bird : salmon →

?

A

water

B

ocean

C

fish

D

scales

E

swim

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VERBAL ANALOGIES · QUESTION 5

Step-by-Step Explanation

Work out the relationship in the first pair before looking at the options.

Question type

Verbal Analogies

Relationship type

Member → category

Skill tested

Relationship matching

Step 1 — Understand the first pair

sparrow → bird

A sparrow is one specific example of a bird. The second word names the wider group the first belongs to.

→

salmon → ?

The answer must name the wider group a salmon belongs to.

Step 2 — Apply the same pattern

A sparrow belongs to the group **bird**, so a salmon belongs to the group ?

COMMON TRAP

Habitat, features, and actions are all commonly mistaken for category. A salmon lives in water and has scales, but neither of those names its group.

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VERBAL ANALOGIES · QUESTION 5

Step 3 — Test Every Option

A**water**

Water is where a salmon lives, not the group it belongs to.

✗ **Incorrect — Habitat trap**

B**ocean**

The ocean is a habitat, not a category.

✗ **Incorrect — Habitat trap**

C**fish**

Fish is the group a salmon belongs to, just as bird is the group a sparrow belongs to.

✓ **Correct**

D**scales**

Scales are a feature of a salmon, not its group.

✗ **Incorrect — Feature trap**

E**swim**

Swim is something a salmon does, not the group it belongs to.

✗ **Incorrect — Action trap**

VERBAL ANALOGIES · QUESTION 5

Answer & Key Takeaway

A

water

B

ocean

C

fish

D

scales

E

swim

GOLDEN TIP

For member-to-category pairs, ask "what group does this belong to?" — not where it lives, what it looks like, or what it does.

IN SHORT

fish is the only option with the same relationship to salmon that bird has to sparrow.

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Verbal Analogies

The first pair of words go together in a certain way. Choose the word that goes with the third word in the same way.

wood → table : wool → ?

A

sheep

B

jumper

C

cotton

D

knit

E

wardrobe

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VERBAL ANALOGIES · QUESTION 6

Step-by-Step Explanation

Work out the relationship in the first pair before looking at the options.

Question type	Relationship type	Skill tested
Verbal Analogies	Material → product	Relationship matching

Step 1 — Understand the first pair

wood → table

Wood is a raw material, and a table is a finished object made from it.

→

wool → ?

The answer must be a finished object made from wool.

Step 2 — Apply the same pattern

Wood is the material a table is made **from**, so wool is the material a ? is made from.

COMMON TRAP

Options connected to the material's source, the process used, or where the product is kept are all easy to mistake for the product itself.

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VERBAL ANALOGIES · QUESTION 6

Step 3 — Test Every Option

A **sheep**

A sheep is where wool comes from, not something made from it.

✗ **Incorrect — Source trap**

B **jumper**

A jumper is a finished object made from wool, just as a table is made from wood.

✓ **Correct**

C **cotton**

Cotton is a different raw material, not a product made from wool.

✗ **Incorrect — Wrong-material trap**

D **knit**

Knit is the process used to make things from wool, not the product.

✗ **Incorrect — Process trap**

E **wardrobe**

A wardrobe is where a jumper might be kept, not something made from wool.

✗ **Incorrect — Storage trap**

VERBAL ANALOGIES · QUESTION 6

Answer & Key Takeaway

A

sheep

B

jumper

C

cotton

D

knit

E

wardrobe

GOLDEN TIP

In material-to-product pairs, the answer is always the finished item — never the source, the process, or the place it ends up.

IN SHORT

jumper is the only option with the same relationship to wool that table has to wood.

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Verbal Analogies

The first pair of words go together in a certain way. Choose the word that goes with the third word in the same way.

warm → hot : cool → ?

A

mild

B

freezing

C

cold

D

breezy

E

damp

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VERBAL ANALOGIES · QUESTION 7

Step-by-Step Explanation

Work out the relationship in the first pair before looking at the options.

Question type	Relationship type	Skill tested
Verbal Analogies	Degree / scale	Relationship matching

Step 1 — Understand the first pair

warm → hot

Hot is one step stronger than warm on the temperature scale, in the same direction.

→

cool → ?

The answer must be one step stronger than cool, in the same direction.

Step 2 — Apply the same pattern

Warm becomes **hot** one step up the scale, so cool becomes **?** one step along in its own direction.

COMMON TRAP

"Freezing" is the trap most people reach for. It moves in the right direction but goes too far — cool to freezing is a much bigger jump than warm to hot.

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Step 3 — Test Every Option

A**mild**

Mild moves back towards warm, which is the wrong direction along the scale.

✗ **Incorrect — Wrong direction**

B**freezing**

Freezing travels in the right direction but overshoots — it is more than one step beyond cool.

✗ **Incorrect — Overshoot trap**

C**cold**

Cold is exactly one step stronger than cool, matching the single step from warm to hot.

✓ **Correct**

D**breezy**

Breezy describes wind rather than temperature, so it is not a step along this scale at all.

✗ **Incorrect — Thematic lure**

E**damp**

Damp describes moisture, not temperature.

✗ **Incorrect — Thematic lure**

Answer & Key Takeaway

A

mild

B

freezing

C

cold

D

breezy

E

damp

GOLDEN TIP

On scale questions, measure the size of the step in the first pair, then take exactly that size step from the third word. Right direction is not enough on its own.

IN SHORT

cold is the only option with the same relationship to cool that hot has to warm.

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Verbal Analogies

The first pair of words go together in a certain way. Choose the word that goes with the third word in the same way.

chef → cook : teacher → ?

A

school

B

teach

C

student

D

book

E

learn

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VERBAL ANALOGIES · QUESTION 8

Step-by-Step Explanation

Work out the relationship in the first pair before looking at the options.

Question type	Relationship type	Skill tested
Verbal Analogies	Agent → action	Relationship matching

Step 1 — Understand the first pair

chef → cook

A chef is a person, and cook is the action that person is known for.

→

teacher → ?

The answer must be the action a teacher is known for.

Step 2 — Apply the same pattern

A chef's job is to **cook**, so a teacher's job is to ?

COMMON TRAP

Reversed-role traps are common here. A word describing the other person in the relationship — the student rather than the teacher — is a frequent wrong answer.

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Step 3 — Test Every Option

A school

A school is a place, not an action a teacher performs.

✗ **Incorrect — Location trap**

B teach

Teach is the action a teacher is known for, just as cook is the action a chef is known for.

✓ **Correct**

C student

A student is the other person in the relationship, not the teacher's own action.

✗ **Incorrect — Reversed-role trap**

D book

A book is an object used in teaching, not the action itself.

✗ **Incorrect — Object trap**

E learn

Learn is what the student does, not the teacher — the reverse of what is needed.

✗ **Incorrect — Reversed-action trap**

VERBAL ANALOGIES · QUESTION 8

Answer & Key Takeaway

A

school

B

teach

C

student

D

book

E

learn

GOLDEN TIP

For agent-to-action pairs, ask "what is this person known for doing?" — then check your answer is not secretly describing the other person in the pair.

IN SHORT

teach is the only option with the same relationship to teacher that cook has to chef.

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You've completed every question — well done

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