



# WordMasters CHALLENGE

## How does the WordMasters Challenge™ work?

At each grade level, the competition consists of three 20-minute analogy-solving meets, which are held at your school three times during the year (December, February and April). Prior to each meet, students are given a list of 25 challenging vocabulary words, customized by grade and competition level.

Excellence in the competition requires both a mastery of word meanings and thoughtful reasoning about the relationships between word list vocabulary and more familiar language used in the competition's analogies.

## How are the winners of each meet determined?

After you administer and score the analogy test at your school, you enter the scores on our website. Your team score is automatically calculated by summing the top ten individual scores.

After each meet, we publish a summary of results and announce the team and student leaders for each grade level and division (Blue and Gold). A year-end report highlights the cumulative winners.

## Can I see some sample Word Lists and Challenge analogies?

Here are a few examples from a previous Blue Division (difficult) and Gold Division (very difficult) **WordMasters Challenge™**. More examples are available at our website.

### Grade 3 Blue Division

#### Sample Word List

prairie  
rural  
orchard  
soil  
urban  
thicket

#### Sample Analogy

WOODS : ACORN ::

ORCHARD : \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) peach
- (b) thicket
- (c) prairie
- (d) apple seed
- (e) orange juice

### Grade 8 Blue Division

#### Sample Word List

manifesto  
rift  
hobble  
schism  
haven  
withstand

#### Sample Analogy

FRIENDSHIP : RIFT ::

SOCIETY : \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) haven
- (b) meeting
- (c) schism
- (d) manifesto
- (e) party

### Grade 3 Gold Division

#### Sample Word List

remote  
wane  
native  
ebb  
alien  
roam

#### Sample Analogy

TIDE : EBB ::

MOON : \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) flow
- (b) shine
- (c) roam
- (d) wane
- (e) sink

### Grade 8 Gold Division

#### Sample Word List

threshold  
desiccated  
pitfall  
misgiving  
tepid  
sodden

#### Sample Analogy

HOT : TEPID :: \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) warm: cool
- (b) desiccated: sodden
- (c) cool: cold
- (d) moist: desiccated
- (e) sodden: moist

## How can my school participate?

Enrollment fee for the **WordMasters Challenge™** is \$95 per grade level. Discounts are available for schools that enroll five or more teams, and districts that enroll five or more schools.

Once enrolled, you will be able to access vocabulary lists and test materials for each of the three analogy meets through our website. At the end of the year, you will also receive a set of awards (one champion medal and ten certificates per enrolled team) to honor your outstanding students.

We also offer 11 versions of our popular **Analogies 101** practice sets. Each set is suitable for all grade levels, using simple vocabulary to introduce students to the principles of analogical reasoning. Each set is only \$10.

## How do I enroll my teams?

It's simple! Visit [wordmasterschallenge.com](http://wordmasterschallenge.com) and click on **Enroll Now**. Enrollment typically runs from April through September, with Meet #1 Word Lists available for download on October 1st.

You can pay using a credit card online, or we can bill you. If you need to request a purchase order, download an order form from our home page to submit to your purchasing department.

If budget constraints limit your school's ability to participate, consider asking your PTO or parent group to sponsor the program.

While online, visit Teacher Tools and Idea Gallery pages to see how other educators have incorporated the **WordMasters Challenge™** into their language arts programs. Our Team Leader Guide provides a step-by-step overview of the competition.



## Are you looking for a new way to help your students grow their vocabulary and verbal reasoning?



Each year, over 150,000 students in grades 3-8 from some of the best public and private schools throughout the United States participate in the **WordMasters Challenge™**.

*"I think the WordMasters challenge is a wonderful way to get students to think. I wish I had been introduced to it in the beginning of my career rather than at its culmination!"*

*-Meg E. from Madison, NC*

Unlike other language arts competitions for this age group—which focus on grammar, punctuation, spelling and other language mechanics—the **WordMasters Challenge™** helps students learn to think both analytically and metaphorically.

The contest addresses higher-level word comprehension and verbal reasoning in two ways:

-  It challenges students to complete analogies based on relationships among words they have learned.
-  It bases the analogies on special vocabulary lists, developed for each grade and difficulty level by experienced teachers, which participants study before each meet.



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**WordMastersChallenge.com**  
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*...using analogies to  
master vocabulary...*

Traditional vocabulary program : Rote memorization ::  
**WordMasters Challenge™** : \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) Verbal reasoning
- (b) Higher-level word comprehension
- (c) Improved reading comprehension
- (d) Improved verbal expression
- (e) Improved standardized test scores
- (f) All of the above!**