3.2 Two Odd Ones Out: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

In each question you are given five words. Three of the five words share something in common: they might belong to the same group, hide a smaller word inside them, follow the same spelling rule, or sound like other words. The other two words do not fit that link. Read all five words carefully, work out what links three of them, then choose the option (A to E) that names the two words which do NOT belong. Study the worked example before you begin, then work through the questions in order.

Worked example. Here are five words: LION, TIGER, HAMMER, LEOPARD, CHISEL. Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three? **Answer: HAMMER and CHISEL.** LION, TIGER and LEOPARD are all big cats, so they form the group of three. HAMMER and CHISEL are tools, not animals, so they are the two words that do not belong with the other three.

1 Here are five words:
GLUE, ATTIC, CRUMPET, ARCHERY, ALLIGATOR.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) ATTIC and CRUMPET
- ☐ B) CRUMPET and GLUE
- ☐ C) ALLIGATOR and ATTIC
- ☐ D) ALLIGATOR and GLUE
- ☐ E) ALLIGATOR and CRUMPET

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2 Here are five words:
GARAGE, PLAIN, BASS, PERCH, EEL.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) BASS and PLAIN
- ☐ B) EEL and PERCH
- ☐ C) GARAGE and PLAIN
- ☐ D) PERCH and PLAIN
- ☐ E) GARAGE and PERCH

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3 Here are five words:
TRAINER, CREAK, CUCUMBER, STARFISH, WINDMILL.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) STARFISH and WINDMILL
- ☐ B) CREAK and TRAINER
- ☐ C) CREAK and CUCUMBER
- ☐ D) STARFISH and TRAINER
- ☐ E) CUCUMBER and TRAINER

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4 Here are five words:
GREY, HERRING, CANNON, BERRY, MURMUR.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) HERRING and MURMUR
- ☐ B) BERRY and CANNON
- ☐ C) CANNON and MURMUR
- ☐ D) GREY and MURMUR
- ☐ E) GREY and HERRING

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5 Here are five words:
SALSA, NOUN, SISTER, FOXTROT, DISCO.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) NOUN and SISTER
- ☐ B) DISCO and FOXTROT
- ☐ C) NOUN and SALSA
- ☐ D) FOXTROT and NOUN
- ☐ E) SALSA and SISTER

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6 Here are five words:
PRESTON, DATE, WELLS, STOOL, CHESTER.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) CHESTER and WELLS
- ☐ B) PRESTON and STOOL
- ☐ C) DATE and STOOL
- ☐ D) DATE and PRESTON
- ☐ E) STOOL and WELLS

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7 Here are five words:
PEASANT, SAW, TROWEL, DRAGON, QUEEN.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) DRAGON and QUEEN
- ☐ B) QUEEN and SAW
- ☐ C) DRAGON and SAW
- ☐ D) SAW and TROWEL
- ☐ E) QUEEN and TROWEL

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8 Here are five words:
COT, PANSY, MUTTER, GALLON, DRESS.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) COT and PANSY
- ☐ B) DRESS and GALLON
- ☐ C) MUTTER and PANSY
- ☐ D) GALLON and PANSY
- ☐ E) DRESS and PANSY

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9 Here are five words:
TROMBONE, DRUM, SHARPENER, CYMBAL, ROAST.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) SHARPENER and TROMBONE
- ☐ B) ROAST and SHARPENER
- ☐ C) ROAST and TROMBONE
- ☐ D) DRUM and TROMBONE
- ☐ E) CYMBAL and ROAST

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10 Here are five words:
WALES, LEMON, SCARF, JUG, EARWIG.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) EARWIG and JUG
- ☐ B) JUG and WALES
- ☐ C) JUG and LEMON
- ☐ D) EARWIG and LEMON
- ☐ E) LEMON and WALES

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11 Here are five words:
NOTEBOOK, BOOKCASE, BOOKWORM, LIBRARY, NOVEL.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) NOTEBOOK and BOOKCASE
- ☐ B) LIBRARY and NOVEL
- ☐ C) NOTEBOOK and BOOKWORM
- ☐ D) BOOKCASE and BOOKWORM
- ☐ E) NOTEBOOK and LIBRARY

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12 Here are five words:
THUNDER, LIGHTNING, DRIZZLE, HAMMER, PENCIL.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) HAMMER and PENCIL
- ☐ B) THUNDER and LIGHTNING
- ☐ C) THUNDER and DRIZZLE
- ☐ D) LIGHTNING and DRIZZLE
- ☐ E) THUNDER and HAMMER

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13 Here are five words:
SLATE, BRAIN, CRAMP, APPLE, HOUSE.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) SLATE and BRAIN
- ☐ B) APPLE and HOUSE
- ☐ C) SLATE and CRAMP
- ☐ D) SLATE and HOUSE
- ☐ E) SLATE and APPLE

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Question 1

B) CRUMPET and GLUE - CRUMPET and GLUE do not fit; ALLIGATOR, ARCHERY, ATTIC all begin with a vowel **B1**

Answer: B) CRUMPET and GLUE

Question 2

C) GARAGE and PLAIN - GARAGE and PLAIN do not fit; BASS, EEL, PERCH are all fish **B1**

Answer: C) GARAGE and PLAIN

Question 3

B) CREAK and TRAINER - CREAK and TRAINER do not fit; CUCUMBER, STARFISH, WINDMILL all have 8 letters **B1**

Answer: B) CREAK and TRAINER

Question 4

D) GREY and MURMUR - GREY and MURMUR do not fit; BERRY, CANNON, HERRING all contain a double letter **B1**

Answer: D) GREY and MURMUR

Question 5

A) NOUN and SISTER - NOUN and SISTER do not fit; DISCO, FOXTROT, SALSA are all dances **B1**

Answer: A) NOUN and SISTER

Question 6

C) DATE and STOOL - DATE and STOOL do not fit; CHESTER, PRESTON, WELLS are all UK cities **B1**

Answer: C) DATE and STOOL

Question 7

D) SAW and TROWEL - SAW and TROWEL do not fit; DRAGON, PEASANT, QUEEN are all things from the Middle Ages **B1**

Answer: D) SAW and TROWEL

Question 8

A) COT and PANSY - COT and PANSY do not fit; DRESS, GALLON, MUTTER all contain a double letter **B1**

Answer: A) COT and PANSY

Question 9

B) ROAST and SHARPENER - ROAST and SHARPENER do not fit; CYMBAL, DRUM, TROMBONE are all musical instruments **B1**

Answer: B) ROAST and SHARPENER

Question 10

A) EARWIG and JUG - EARWIG and JUG do not fit; LEMON, SCARF, WALES all have 5 letters **B1**

Answer: A) EARWIG and JUG

Question 11

B) LIBRARY and NOVEL - LIBRARY and NOVEL do not contain the word BOOK, whereas NOTEBOOK, BOOKCASE and BOOKWORM all contain the word BOOK. **B1**

Answer: B) LIBRARY and NOVEL

Question 12

A) HAMMER and PENCIL - HAMMER and PENCIL are everyday objects, not weather, whereas THUNDER, LIGHTNING and DRIZZLE are all types of weather. **B1**

Answer: A) HAMMER and PENCIL

Question 13

B) APPLE and HOUSE - Removing the first letter from APPLE or HOUSE gives no real word (PPLE, OUSE), whereas Removing the first letter from SLATE, BRAIN and CRAMP gives a real word (LATE, RAIN, RAMP). **B1**

Answer: B) APPLE and HOUSE

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