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Analogy Graphic Organizer

Description:

The analogy graphic organizer uses analogies to help students understand a new concept that is being introduced by comparing it with a familiar concept.

Primary Focus: Reading Comprehension

Targeted Reading Level: Elementary through college level

Procedure:

1. Introduce the graphic organizer on the overhead. Determine what the students already know about the topic in order to establish a relationship with the concept being introduced. When students select a familiar concept they can then bridge the gap between the familiar concept and the new concept.
2. Once you have established the new concept and the familiar concept, brainstorm characteristics that both concepts have in common. Enter these into the similarities column.
3. Then ask the students what the differences are. Place these in the differences column.
4. Discuss further categories that make up the basis for the comparison. Enter these into the relationship categories box.
5. Have students write a summary about the similarities of the new concept and the familiar concept.

Reference:

Buehl, Doug. *Classroom Strategies for Interactive Learning; Second Edition*. International Reading Association, Newark, Delaware, 2001. pg. 26.