Making Shapely Comparisons

An analogy is making a comparison between two things that are not ordinarily alike. For example, the fact that you never know what life is going to hand you can be compared to a box of chocolates; you never know what kind of filling is going to be in any piece. If you compare two contrasting things—like a person in a new environment and a fish out of water—then you are drawing an analogy.

DIRECTIONS: Circle the item most closely related to the third item in the same way the first two are related.

1. A ceiling is to a floor as a head is to (a) face (b) feet (c) hands.

2. A whale is to a pod as bison is to a (a) flock (b) herd (c) gander.

3. A puppy is to a litter as a chick is to a (a) brood (b) horde (c) pride.

4. A monkey is to a troop what a person is to a (a) family (b) crowd (c) meeting.

5. A seed is to a plant as an idea is to a(n) (a) machine (b) garden (c) invention.

6. Which two sets of analogies above are alike? How are they alike?