Making Comparisons with Analogy

An analogy is a comparison between two things, usually made for the purpose of explaining or clarifying something.

**EXAMPLE:** “Cheer up,” John told Wanda, after Ken broke up with her. “You’ll find someone else.” “How can I?” Wanda wailed. “Ken was perfect for me.” “There are plenty of fish in the sea,” John said.

An analogy is drawn between a potential mate for Wanda and the fact that there are numerous ‘fish in the sea” to choose from.

**Directions:** Identify and explain the analogy in each short passage below.

1. “I don’t like that girl,” Mark said to Charles as soon as Heather was out of earshot.
   “Why not?” Charles asked.
   “I think she has a personality disorder,” Mark said carefully.
   “Aw. She’s all right,” Charles said.
   “All right? She’s as flaky as a snow storm!”

2. The tenor took the stage, and Mark took Linda’s hand and sat back to listen. He loved to hear Jerome Bartholomew sing. His voice both soothed and warmed his audience. It was pure velvet.