NAVIGATING THROUGH TEXTS

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WARM UP

ANALOGY

Phụ nữ xinh đẹp như ly rượu, đàn bà thông minh tựa tách trà.

Rượu nồng sẽ khiến ta say, còn hương trà sẽ cho ta tỉnh.

Cuộc đời giống như một vở kịch, và tất cả mọi người đều là diễn viên trong vở kịch đó.



- Life is a maze and love is a riddle
- I don't know where to go
- Can't do it alone, I've tried.

- My mom always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get.
- (Forrest Gump, 1994 film)



WRITE YOUR OWN ANALOGY

Life is ... because [some explanation]

Life is a game. Some win and some lose.

Life is (but) a dream.

Love is ...

Love is a container. You fall in love and you fall out of it.

Love is fire.

Your love could be burning or it could cools down.

Write your own analogy for love.

READING ANALOGY - SPEED

Reading is like travelling on an urban street

You orient yourself through **obstacles**

When there aren't any, you can go **fast**

But sometimes, you need to go **slow**

In very much the same way, when you **read**

If the words are easy, you can do it quickly

But sometimes you need to **slow down** when you encounter a new word

READING ANALOGY – MEET OLD FRIEND

When travelling, you meet **strangers** along the way, you greet them and they become your **acquaintance**

A moment later, you see them again

They might have **changed clothes**, put on some make-ups

But chances are, you can still **recognize** them

In reading, you see **new concepts** along the way – they are called **new participants**

Then when you see them again, they will have "the, this, these" preceding them to tell you they are an old concept

Sometimes you cannot recognize them, you don't even remember you met them

Too bad, your memory is failing, now reading will get **confusing**

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The idea that machines could perform to <u>such standards</u> is startling. Driving is a complex task that takes humans a long time to perfect.

READING ANALOGY - SIGNPOSTS

Then there are street signs which tell you there are slippery roads or the residential areas ahead So you know what to expect even before seeing them

Then there are **logical connectors**,

They tell you what to expect

When you see "but" you know an opposing idea is going to be presented

When you see "at first", you know there will be a "but then" before even encountering it

But you know it's there.

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READING ANALOGY – JUDGING THROUGH APPEARANCE

- And sometimes,
 when travelling on the street,
 you can effectively judge
 someone through their
 appearance
- For example, seeing someone with branded clothing tell you they are rich

- In reading, the physical appearance of information tells you what it is
- If you see **italics**, **apostrophes**, you know it's a new **term**
- If you see **capitals**, you know it's an **organization** or **abbreviations** of a long name.

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Meanwhile, the exhibition was being prepared ready for opening in July 2012 at the Castle Museum in Boulogne-sur-Mer. Entitled "Beyond the Horizon: Societies of the Channel & North Sea 3,500 years ago", it brought together for the first time a remarkable collection of Bronze-Age objects, including many new discoveries for commercial archaeology and some of the great treasure of the past. The reconstructed boat, as a symbol of the maritime connections that bound together the communities either side of the Channel, was the centerpiece.