## Analogies – evaluation

1. The connection:

 1.1 Does the analogy establish a causal connection

 or is it just a vivid way of presenting an idea?

 1.2 When does the analogy break down?

2. Numbers:

 2.1 How often, in how many cases, does this

 similarity hold?

 2.2 How many characteristics are thought to

 be similar?

 2.3 Are they similar over a range of characteristics

 or just the same type?

3. Relation to the conclusion

 3.1 Is the conclusion drawn from the analogy the

 right strength?

 3.2 Can I identify any significant differences

 between the analogy and the situation it

 helps to explain?

 3.3 Can I turn it back on itself to argue the opposite?