## 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?