Analogy Building

Description:
Analogy Building is a strategy that can be used to increase comprehension of a concept or idea. The concept/idea is compared to something else by using a simile.

A simile is a comparison between two different things using “like” or “as”. The simile is supported with reasoning.
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How to Use the Strategy:

1. Identify a concept/idea to create a comparison.
   ⇒ Ex: Complete the analogy “Formative assessment is like a household appliance) because….

2. Students individually think of their analogy (3-5 minutes).

3. Place students in groups of two.

4. Each person in the group shares their analogy with the other group member and discusses their reasoning (4-6 minutes).

5. Teacher may decide to have volunteers share their analogies with the entire class.