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Answer Key

Making Sense of Figurative Language

Figurative Language is a tool that authors use to help readers visualize what is happening in a story or poem.

A **metaphor** is a comparison between two unlike things. It says that one thing is (or was) something else.

Example: The classroom is a zoo during the class party.

(The classroom and the zoo are being compared. We can infer that the classroom and zoo are both messy and crazy.)

Directions: Read the sentences below and determine the meaning of the underlined metaphor. Write your answer on the line.

Answers may vary.



1. The snow is a white blanket in my backyard.

The snow is flat and covers an area in the yard.

2. Sometimes we laugh, and sometimes we cry. Life is a rollercoaster!

Life causes our emotions to go up and down based on happy and sad events.

3. Her heart was broken when she realized she lost her favorite necklace.

She felt very sad.

4. He is a shining star as he performs his magic tricks on the stage.

He was doing a great job.

5. The doctor has no problem staying up late because she is a night owl.

The doctor liked to stay up late at night.

6. I always ask my teacher about vocabulary words because he is a dictionary.

The teacher knows a lot about words.

7. The manager's brain is a computer when he solves problems for other people.

The manager is very smart.

8. Near the mountain, the calm lake was a mirror.

The surface of the lake was smooth and reflected the scenery.

9. After it is mowed, the lawn is a green carpet.

The lawn was green and covered a large area.

10. The clouds are cotton balls as they sit in the bright blue sky.

The clouds are white and fluffy.