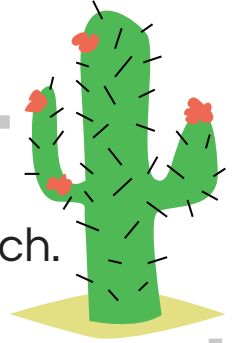


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Metaphors in Context



Read the two passages below. **Underline** the metaphor and answer the following questions about each.

The teacher went around the room asking each student to say his or her name and their favorite game. I started to feel very nervous. Finally, it was my turn. I opened my mouth to speak, but my mouth was a sandy desert.

What two things does the metaphor compare?

the narrator's mouth and a sandy desert

What does it mean?

The narrator was so nervous, their mouth felt dry and they couldn't speak.

The kindergarten class was a zoo. In one corner kids were playing with blocks; in another, three kids were playing tag. In the back of the room, we saw four kids at a table playing with a big box of dirt and real worms!

What two things does the metaphor compare?

the kindergarten class and a zoo

What does it mean?

There are so many wild or silly things happening in the classroom at one time.

