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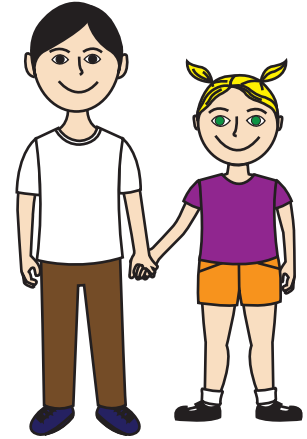
Answers

Writing Metaphors with Linking Verbs

A **metaphor** is a figure of speech that compares two unrelated things by saying they are the same. Metaphors use linking verbs like *am*, *is*, *are*, *were*, or *was* to connect two things that are being compared.

Directions: Circle the *linking verb* in each metaphor.

1. Grandma **(is)** a busy bee in the kitchen.
2. During the spring performance, the kids **(were)** songbirds.
3. I **(am)** a bunny when I play hopscotch.
4. When he plays baseball, Giovanni **(is)** a star.
5. My school project **(was)** a train wreck, so I had to start over.



Directions: Use the word bank to complete the metaphors below. Then, circle the linking verbs in each sentence.

Word Bank

fireworks bear sunshine hammers
nose monkeys ribbon wind

1. After a cold winter, the spring _____ **sunshine** _____ **(is)** a warm hug.
2. The kids **(are)** _____ **monkeys** _____ when they play on the jungle gym.
3. The fresh berries **(were)** _____ **fireworks** _____, bursting with flavor.
4. The road **(is)** a long _____ **ribbon** _____, stretching far into the distance.
5. During the storm, the _____ **wind** _____ **(was)** a whistling train.
6. I **(am)** a _____ **bear** _____ when I'm mad.

Sample Answers

Directions: Try writing your own metaphors using the linking verbs *are* and *is*.

1. My friends are _____ **sweet treats** _____.
2. My teacher is _____ **an angel** _____.