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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

