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Reading & Understanding Metaphors

A **metaphor** is a figure of speech that compares two unrelated things by saying they are the same. In order to understand a metaphor, you must think about how the two things are alike.

Directions: Underline the two things that are being compared in each metaphor. Then, complete the sentence frame that follows.

Example: Raquel is a cheetah when she plays soccer.
Raquel and a cheetah are alike because they both run fast.



1. The snow is a white blanket, covering the earth and trees.

_____ and _____ are alike because they both _____
_____.

2. On rainy days, our classroom is a zoo.

_____ and _____ are alike because they both _____
_____.

3. The ballerina was a graceful swan when she danced on stage.

_____ and _____ are alike because they both _____
_____.

4. My brother is a total pig whenever we have pizza for dinner.

_____ and _____ are alike because they both _____
_____.

5. Last night, the stars were brilliant diamonds shining in the sky.

_____ and _____ are alike because they both _____
_____.

Directions: Read the short story and underline a metaphor. Then, complete the sentences that follow.

Antonio nervously walked through the dark jungle. He heard strange sounds all around. The green vines were snakes, hanging from the trees. Dry leaves crunched under his feet. Antonio started to walk faster. He knew his mother was waiting for him at their house by the river. Finally, he saw it up ahead. The rushing water was a song that welcomed him home.

In this story, the author compares _____ and _____.

These two things are alike because they both _____.