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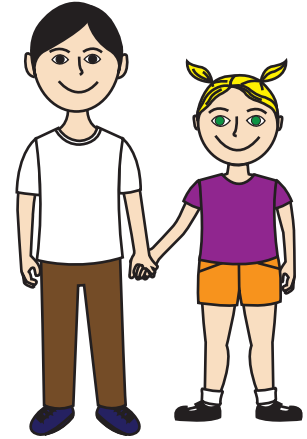
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Writing Metaphors with Linking Verbs

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 _____ is a warm hug.
2. The kids are _____ when they play on the jungle gym.
3. The fresh berries were _____, bursting with flavor.
4. The road is a long _____, stretching far into the distance.
5. During the storm, the _____ was a whistling train.
6. I am a _____ when I'm mad.

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

1. My friends are _____.
2. My teacher is _____.