Literal and Nonliteral Language

Grade 3 Grammar Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

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   Kofi was afraid of bees.

   Kofi was very sleepy.

   Kofi was working hard.

   Kofi was buzzing like a bee.

2. Read: “The snow was a white blanket on the town. Kids ran out to play.” What does the metaphor compare?

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3. Which sentence uses a simile?

   Ella ran very fast.

   Ella ran to the store.

   Ella ran like the wind.

   Ella was a rocket on the track.

4. Read: “Our classroom was a beehive. Everyone was busy building their projects.” What does “a beehive” tell about the classroom?

   It was full of busy people.

   It was shaped like a hive.

   It had bees in it.

   It was very quiet.

5. Which sentence uses a metaphor?

   Grandpa's hands were cold.

   Grandpa's hands were ice.

   Grandpa's hands were as cold as ice.

   Grandpa held some ice.

6. What does the simile mean? “The new puppy was as light as a feather.”

The puppy was very bright.

The puppy did not weigh much.

The puppy could fly.

The puppy had feathers.

7. Read: “Mia's smile was sunshine on a rainy day. Her friends cheered up right away.” Why did the writer compare her smile to sunshine?

to show her smile made people happy

to show it was raining

to show her friends were sad

to show her smile was hot

8. Which phrase is nonliteral? “The baby slept like a log. In the morning, she drank her milk and played.”

In the morning slept like a log drank her milk played

9. What does the metaphor mean? “When my brother loses a game, he is a bear for an hour.”

He is very funny. He is very strong. He is a real bear. He is grumpy.

10. Rewrite the sentence with a simile using like or as. Then tell what it means. Draft: The kitten was very small.

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Example: The kitten was as small as a teacup. It means the kitten was tiny.