# Literal and Nonliteral Language

Grade 3 Grammar Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

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   The water was very calm.

   The lake was very deep.

   The water was very cold.

   The lake was made of glass.

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   the window and the sky  Nora and the stars  stars and diamonds

   diamonds and Nora

3. Which sentence uses a simile?

   The kitten slept on a cloud pillow.

   The kitten's fur was as soft as a cloud.

   The kitten's fur was a cloud.

   The kitten's fur was soft.

4. Read: “The hallway was an oven in July. We could not wait for the fans.” What does “an oven” tell about the hallway?

   It smelled like bread.  It had a stove in it.  It was very crowded.

   It was very hot.

5. Which sentence uses a metaphor?

   The road was like a ribbon over the hills.

   The road was a ribbon over the hills.

   The road went over the hills.

   A ribbon blew over the road.

6. What does the simile mean? “Theo was as quiet as a mouse while the baby slept.”

Theo made almost no noise. Theo squeaked softly. Theo was very small.

Theo looked like a mouse.

7. Read: “Jada's backpack was a brick. She had five books inside.” Why did the writer compare the backpack to a brick?

to show it was very heavy

to show it was square

to show it was red

to show it was made of stone

8. Which phrase is nonliteral? “We waited for the bus forever. Then it finally came around the corner.”

around the corner finally came waited for the bus forever Then it

9. What does the metaphor mean? “My best friend is a walking dictionary.”

She carries a dictionary. She walks very fast. She is made of paper.

She knows many words.

10. Rewrite the sentence with a metaphor. Then tell what it means. Draft: The room was very messy.

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**Example: The room was a junkyard. It means it was very messy.**