Literal and Nonliteral Language

Grade 3 Grammar Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

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

   It had bees in it.

   It was full of busy people.

   It was shaped like a hive.

   It was very quiet.

2. Which sentence uses a metaphor?

   Grandpa's hands were as cold as ice.

   Grandpa's hands were cold.

   Grandpa's hands were ice.

   Grandpa held some ice.

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

   The puppy could fly.

   The puppy did not weigh much.

   The puppy had feathers.

   The puppy was very bright.

4. 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 it was raining

   to show her smile was hot

   to show her friends were sad

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

   played drank her milk slept like a log In the morning

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

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

7. What does the simile mean? “The lake was as smooth as glass.”

The water was very calm.

The lake was made of glass.

The lake was very deep.

The water was very cold.

8. Read: “The stars were diamonds in the night sky. Nora counted them from her window.” What does the metaphor compare?

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

stars and diamonds

9. Which sentence uses a simile?

The kitten's fur was a cloud.

The kitten's fur was soft.

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

The kitten slept on a cloud pillow.

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.