Literal and Nonliteral Language

Grade 3 Grammar Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

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   It had a stove in it. It was very hot. It was very crowded.

   It smelled like bread.

2. Which sentence uses a metaphor?

   A ribbon blew over the road.

   The road went over the hills.

   The road was a ribbon over the hills.

   The road was like a ribbon over the hills.

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

   Theo made almost no noise. Theo looked like a mouse. Theo squeaked softly.

   Theo was very small.

4. 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 made of stone

   to show it was square

   to show it was very heavy

   to show it was red

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

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

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

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

   She knows many words.

7. What does the simile mean? “Kofi was as busy as a bee all morning.”

Kofi was very sleepy.

Kofi was working hard.

Kofi was buzzing like a bee.

Kofi was afraid of bees.

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

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snow and a blanket

9. Which sentence uses a simile?

Ella ran to the store.

Ella was a rocket on the track.

Ella ran like the wind.

Ella ran very fast.

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.