Literal and Nonliteral Language

Grade 3 Grammar Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer, or write your answer on the lines.

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   to show it was square

   to show it was made of stone

   to show it was red

   to show it was very heavy

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

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

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

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

   She knows many words.

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

   Kofi was afraid of bees.

   Kofi was very sleepy.

   Kofi was buzzing like a bee.

   Kofi was working hard.

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

   the town and the kids kids and a blanket snow and kids

   snow and a blanket

6. 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.

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

It was very quiet.

It was shaped like a hive.

It was full of busy people.

It had bees in it.

8. Which sentence uses a metaphor?

Grandpa's hands were cold.

Grandpa's hands were ice.

Grandpa held some ice.

Grandpa's hands were as cold as ice.

9. 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 was very bright.

The puppy had feathers.

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.