

## Identifying Metaphor

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### Which of the following is a metaphor?

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| 1. | <input type="radio"/> red as apples                   | <input type="radio"/> eyes were fireflies                        |
|    | <input type="radio"/> red like a coke can             | <input type="radio"/> green like a string bean                   |
| 2. | <input type="radio"/> quiet as a mouse                | <input type="radio"/> tiny like a mouse                          |
|    | <input type="radio"/> Tina is an ant                  | <input type="radio"/> ants are bugs                              |
| 3. | <input type="radio"/> dark as the dirt                | <input type="radio"/> the sun is yellow                          |
|    | <input type="radio"/> bright as the sun               | <input type="radio"/> none of the above                          |
| 4. | <input type="radio"/> hair is a rat's nest            | <input type="radio"/> hair is very straight                      |
|    | <input type="radio"/> hair as neat as a pin           | <input type="radio"/> hair as messy as a rag doll's              |
| 5. | <input type="radio"/> friendship is golden            | <input type="radio"/> friendship is a good thing                 |
|    | <input type="radio"/> friendship is as strong as rope | <input type="radio"/> friendship is like peanut butter and jelly |

### Which of the following sentences uses a metaphor?

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| 6. | <input type="radio"/> The night is dark.           | <input type="radio"/> Crickets are insects.         |
|    | <input type="radio"/> Crickets are chirpy animals. | <input type="radio"/> The crickets were a symphony. |

7.  None of these  Elise was sleepy.  
 Jennifer is my sister.  Mary was in my class last year.
8.  James is a bear when he is hungry.  James was hungry like a bear.  
 James likes bears.  James eats honey.
9.  Tony drinks like a camel.  Tony had a glass of water.  
 Tony was thirsty.  Tony is a camel.
10.  Snow is cold.  The snow was white.  
 The snow was like powder.  The snow was a blanket over the house.
11.  Love is a red rose.  Love is like a rose.  
 Love is painful.  Roses are red.
12.  Katie is a fish!  Katie swims like a fish.  
 Fish are good swimmers.  Swimmers must like fish.
13.  The gymnast was flexible.  The gymnast was a noodle.  
 Noodles are good food for gymnasts.  The gymnast could bend like a noodle.
14.  Her smile was like the sun.  Her eyes shone like diamonds.  
 Her hair was as smooth as silk.  She was the Sun, Moon, and stars to me.
15.  This job is an anchor around my neck.  I wear an anchor necklace.  
 Anchors are heavy.  My job is boring.