

Symbolism & Figurative

A. Have you heard of symbolism in writing? We can use words to evoke certain meanings about people or things. Try and match the following sentences with their meaning.

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| 1. Lion | • | • Love |
| 2. Butterfly | • | • Evil |
| 3. Lamb | • | • Beautiful |
| 4. Heart | • | • Lowly |
| 5. Dog | • | • Innocent |
| 6. Serpent | • | • Strong |

B. Similes are comparisons between two things using **like** or **as**. Match the following sentence parts to make similes.

- as red as blood.
- like a box of chocolates.
- like a gorilla.
- like a baby banging a xylophone.
- as fast as a cheetah.
- as loud as an airplane.

1. Tommy dashed _____.
2. That dog barked _____.
3. The setting sun was _____.
4. The man was _____.
5. Love is _____.
6. The band played a song _____.

C. A metaphor is a direct comparison between two things but **doesn't** use like or as.
Try matching the below sentences.

- is a hot lemon tea on a cold night.
- is a ticket to a lifetime of happiness.
- was a nightmare.
- was a slimy snake.
- was the aftermath of an explosion.

1. The antagonist _____.
2. The kindergarten classroom _____.
3. Friendship _____.
4. Molly's kindness _____.
5. Sitting next to him _____.

D. Finish these sentences with metaphors.

under the weather	a piece of cake	hatched a plot
a little foggy	in hot water	

1. When she was young, Katie was _____ more often than not.
2. Jack and Bradley _____ to trick people.
3. After the car accident, her memory was _____.
4. She stayed in bed because she was feeling _____.
5. Everyone said that the test was _____.

