Figurative Language

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Metaphors

A metaphor compares two things but does not use the words like or as. A metaphor describes a person or item in a colorful, interesting way.

Example: Shannon is **pricklier than a cactus in bloom**.

Meaning: difficult to get along with

What is the meaning of each metaphor?

1. It is hotter than a sauna!
   Meaning: ____________________________________________

2. Jen is a walking encyclopedia of facts and information.
   Meaning: ____________________________________________

3. I need a crane to lift my dog.
   Meaning: ____________________________________________

4. The leaves were graceful dancers in the wind.
   Meaning: ____________________________________________

5. Mrs. Greene is luckier than a four-leaf clover on St. Patrick’s Day.
   Meaning: ____________________________________________

6. Her fingers were all thumbs when playing the piano.
   Meaning: ____________________________________________

7. She gave a shark’s smile before answering the question.
   Meaning: ____________________________________________

8. His smelly feet made the skunks turn tail and run.
   Meaning: ____________________________________________

9. Jake’s thick head could be mistaken for a brick wall.
   Meaning: ____________________________________________

10. Her brain was a sandstorm of ideas.
    Meaning: ____________________________________________

On a separate sheet of paper, use several metaphors to describe yourself, a family member, or a pet.