



English Metaphors: Definition, Examples & Free Worksheet

This worksheet accompanies the lesson 'English Metaphors: Definition, Examples & Free Worksheets' from TeachersInstruction.com. It helps ESL students and teachers reinforce understanding of metaphors, similes, and idioms through definitions, examples, comparisons, and creative exercises.

Part A: Identify the Figurative Language

Instructions: Read each sentence below and identify whether it contains a metaphor, simile, or idiom.

#	Sentence	Type (Metaphor, Simile, or Idiom)
1	Her voice is music to my ears.	
2	The exam was as easy as pie.	
3	I'm feeling under the weather today.	

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| 4 | His words cut deeper than a knife. |
| 5 | Life is like a rollercoaster. |
| 6 | Break a leg before your performance! |
| 7 | This class is a breeze. |
| 8 | He eats like a horse. |

Part B: Match the Metaphor to Its Meaning

Instructions: Match each metaphor with the correct meaning by writing the letter in the blank.

1. Time is a thief _____
2. The world is a stage _____
3. My memory is a sieve _____
4. She has a heart of stone _____
5. Life is a rollercoaster _____

Match Choices:

- A. Shows no sympathy.
- B. Life is full of different roles.
- C. Filled with ups and downs.
- D. Something that happens when you're trying to do too much.
- E. Easily forgets things.

1. D
2. B
3. E
4. A
5. C

Part C: Create Your Own Metaphor

Instructions: Use the structure 'X is Y' to write two original metaphors. Try to describe a feeling, a person, or an experience.

1. _____
2. _____

Part D: Compare Metaphor, Simile, and Idiom

Instructions: Fill in the chart below based on your understanding.

Type	Definition	Example
Metaphor		
Simile		
Idiom		