



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

PRACTICE

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: _____

WRITE ON!

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