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Analyzing Metaphors

A metaphor has three parts: the tenor, the vehicle and the common ground. The tenor is the subject to which attributes are ascribed. The vehicle is the object whose attributes are borrowed. The common ground is the element of similarity between the tenor and vehicle.

Example : The exam was an absolute breeze.

the tenor and vehicle : the exam and a breeze

common ground : being an easy and pleasant experience

Identify the tenor, t

each metaphor.

1) Ideas are wings.

the tenor and vehicle

common ground

2) Jenny's voice was m

the tenor and vehicle

common ground

3) Life is a roller coaste

the tenor and vehicle

common ground

4) You are my sunshine

the tenor and vehicle : _____

common ground : _____

5) The baby's feet were velvet.

the tenor and vehicle : _____

common ground : _____

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