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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, the vehicle and the common ground for each metaphor.

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the tenor and vehicle : _____

common ground : _____

2) Jenny's voice was music.

the tenor and vehicle : _____

common ground : _____

3) Life is a roller coaster.

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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common ground : being soft and smooth

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