

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

## 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, the vehicle and the common ground in each metaphor.**

1) Ideas are wings.

the tenor and vehicle : \_\_\_\_\_

common ground : \_\_\_\_\_

2) Jenny's voice was music to our ears.

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 : \_\_\_\_\_

**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, the vehicle and the common ground in each metaphor.**

1) Ideas are wings.

the tenor and vehicle : **ideas and wings**

common ground : **ability to help grow or soar**

2) Jenny's voice was music to our ears.

the tenor and vehicle : **Jenny's voice and music**

common ground : **being a wonderful and soothing experience**

3) Life is a roller coaster.

the tenor and vehicle : **life and a roller coaster**

common ground : **having ups and downs**

4) You are my sunshine.

the tenor and vehicle : **you and sunshine**

common ground : **being a source of hope**

5) The baby's feet were velvet.

the tenor and vehicle : **baby's feet and velvet**

common ground : **being soft and smooth**