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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, 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 : _____