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Metaphor Meanings Worksheet

A **metaphor** is one kind of figurative language. It makes a direct comparison of two unlike things. Metaphors often use a form of the verb "to be". The verb can be in the past tense (was, were), the present tense (am, is, are), or future tense (will be).

Directions: Read the sentences below and check the box in front of the correct meaning of the metaphor.

1. The boy  is a monkey  when climbing the trees .
- ☐ he is good  at climbing  ☐ he likes  trees 

2. Her long hair  is an ocean of waves .
- ☐ her hair  is curly  ☐ she likes  the ocean 

3. A book  is a key  that unlocks  the imagination  in your mind.
- ☐ A book  is in the house  ☐ books  improve  your imagination 

4. The teeth  of the crocodile  are little white knives .
- ☐ crocodile  have teeth  ☐ crocodile  teeth  are sharp 

5. The girl  is a fish  when in the pool .
- ☐ she is a good  swimmer  ☐ she likes  fish 