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3E Word Skills

Metaphors and similes

I can use metaphors and similes to make comparisons.

1 Complete the metaphors with the words below.

broken heart bumpy ride disaster area mirror
plain sailing prison

1 Once we'd got through the rush hour traffic, it was all [ ].
2 When his wife passed away, my elderly neighbour died of a [ ].
3 Her house was a [ ] until she had fully recovered from the accident and could walk again.
4 The surface of the water is a [ ] in which the palace and its surroundings are reflected.
5 No wonder you can't find anything in your room – it's a [ ].
6 He had a [ ] through his first year at university because he split up from his girlfriend.

2 Complete the sentences with similes made from the words and pictures below.

blind cry eat fit light quiet

1 I was [ ] when I came in so as not to wake anybody up.
2 These shoes are extremely comfortable. They [ ].
3 My niece is [ ], so I don't mind carrying her.
4 Sad films really upset me. I always [ ] at the end.
5 I don't know why you're so slim – you [ ].
6 You need to get your eyes tested – you're [ ].

3 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use similes. Write no more than six words and include the word in brackets.

1 Last night I had a very good sleep. (like)
I [ ] last night.
2 My grandad is very hard of hearing. (post)
My grandad is [ ].
3 Your mum looks really angry. (face)
Your mum's got [ ].
4 That woman is always on the go. (busy)
That woman is [ ].
5 My twin brothers are very similar. (pod)
My twin brothers are [ ].
6 He seemed calm, despite his arrest. (cool)
He was [ ] despite his arrest.

VOCAB BOOST!

Most metaphors, similes and idioms are listed in a dictionary under the first word in the phrase, e.g. ***plain*** *sailing*, (*as*) ***cool*** *as a cucumber*, ***sleep*** *like a log*. Expressions with very common words, such as *good* or *run*, are listed under the other important word, e.g. (*as*) *good as* ***gold***, *run like the* ***wind***.

4 Read the *Vocab Boost!* box and the dictionary extract. Then replace the words in bold with an idiom in the correct form.

at 'heart used to say what sb is really like even though they may seem to be sth different: *He's still a socialist at heart.* **break sb's 'heart** to make sb feel very unhappy: *She broke his heart when she called off the engagement.* **By 'heart** (*BrE also* **off by 'heart**) using only your memory: *I've dialled the number so many times I know it by heart.* ◇ *She's learnt the whole speech off by heart.* **close/dear/near to sb's 'heart** having a lot of importance and interest for sb **from the (bottom of your) 'heart** in a way that is sincere: *I beg you, from the bottom of my heart, to spare his life.* **Give sb (fresh) 'heart** to make sb feel positive, especially when they thought that they had no chance of achieving sth **give your 'heart to sb** to give your love to one person **have a 'heart!** (*informal*) used to ask sb to be kind and/or reasonable

From *Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary* 9e, 2015.

1 She thanked him **very sincerely** for all he'd done for her.
[ ]
2 Paul told Holly that he **loved only** Amelia.
[ ]
3 Women's rights is an issue that is **of great importance to her.** [ ]
4 The warm soup **made the hikers feel more positive.**
[ ]
5 **Be reasonable!** We don't need to get up at 6 a.m. on a Saturday! [ ]
6 He told us to learn our lines **using our memories** before the next rehearsal. [ ]
7 My sister's boyfriend **made her very unhappy** when he finished with her. [ ]
8 She may seem quite sweet, but she's **really a radical.**
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