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Tina says, 'I'm just not the sort of person who can *trample* on others to get to the top.'

The literal meaning of *trample* is to tread heavily on something in a way that damages it.

Example: They trampled over the garden, ruining the new plants.

Tina uses *trample* figuratively, meaning that she would not behave in a way that would hurt the feelings of others.

In each of the following sentences, one word is used figuratively. Underline the word, and then discuss its meaning with your partner. Finally, write sentences of your own to illustrate the meanings. Don't forget to use a dictionary when you need to.

- 1 I spent the day wrestling with our financial problems.
- 2 My heart lifts when I come home.