

Literal versus Non-literal Language Activity

DIRECTIONS: Decide if the words in bold are literal or non-literal by filling in the blank with the correct words in the word bank below.

Non-literal	Literal	Non-literal	Literal	Non-literal
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1. It is **raining cats and dogs** outside. _____
2. Mom told me to **dust the furniture**. _____
3. Jerry is an **early bird** in the mornings! _____
4. Dad told Beth that **she is pretty**. _____
5. Darryl told Jim to **break a leg** in his play. _____
6. Dad was feeling **under the weather**. _____
7. Mark was **taking steps** to finish his project. _____
8. Sydney used a cup to **measure the sugar**. _____
9. Sara would not speak to Jim. She gave him the **cold shoulder**. _____
10. Harris told Sara that he didn't want to talk to her and **to get lost**. _____