

## Metaphors:

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**Metaphors are comparisons** that show how two things that are not alike in most ways are similar in one important way. Metaphors are a way to describe something. Authors use them to make their writing more interesting or entertaining.

Unlike similes that use the words “as” or “like” to make a comparison, **metaphors state that something is something else.**

*Read the statements that contain metaphors in italics. Then complete the statements that explain the metaphors.*

1. *Brian was a wall*, bouncing every tennis ball back over the net.

This metaphor compares Brian to a wall because \_\_\_\_\_.

2. We would have had more pizza to eat if *Tammy hadn't been such a hog*.

Tammy was being compared to a hog because she \_\_\_\_\_.

3. *Cindy was such a mule*. We couldn't get her to change her mind.

The metaphor compares Cindy to a mule because she was \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Morgan was in the clouds. She could not think of anything but her new boyfriend.

5. Linda was an angel! She did the dishes for me.

6. Write your own metaphor here or on the reverse side and then tell what it means.

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Key: 1. Balls never got passed Brian. 2. Tammy ate more than her share. 3. Cindy was stubborn. 4. Logan was pre-occupied and happy with her new relationship. 5. Linda was very giving and thoughtful.