

# Figurative Language

## Similes, Metaphors and Personification

Identify the following sentences as **similes (S)**, **metaphors (M)**, or **personifications (P)**

1. \_\_\_\_ He is like a monster when he plays sports.
2. \_\_\_\_ He is a monster when he plays sports.
3. \_\_\_\_ Paying bills is like having your teeth pulled.
4. \_\_\_\_ The moon was a silver ship sailing through the sea.
5. \_\_\_\_ She swims like a fish.
6. \_\_\_\_ The water opened its arms and invited them in.
7. \_\_\_\_ My brother is a clown.
8. \_\_\_\_ The rain kissed my face as it fell.
9. \_\_\_\_ The strawberries were yelling, "Eat me first!"
10. \_\_\_\_ He is a rabbit lost in the woods.
11. \_\_\_\_ Her glasses look like small bottle caps.
12. \_\_\_\_ His eyes are shining stars in the middle of the night.
13. \_\_\_\_ The car engine coughed and cried when it started during the cold winter morning.

## Idioms

**To stick your neck out** is to say or do something that is bold and a bit dangerous. A similar idiom that is used for slightly more dangerous situations is to "go out on a limb." In both idioms, the idea is that you put yourself in a vulnerable position.

**To break the ice** is to be the first one to say or do something, with the expectation that others will then follow. Another idiom that means something similar is "get the ball rolling."

**To have a chip on one's shoulder** is usually an expression to describe a person who acts, as you say, rudely or aggressively, but also in a manner that could be described as "aggressively defensive." The person seems always ready for a fight.

**Directions:** Write the meanings of these frequently used idioms:

1. going bananas \_\_\_\_\_
2. see eye to eye \_\_\_\_\_
3. under the weather \_\_\_\_\_
4. stuffed to the gills \_\_\_\_\_
5. just what the doctor ordered \_\_\_\_\_
6. born yesterday \_\_\_\_\_
7. cat has your tongue \_\_\_\_\_
8. sells like hotcakes \_\_\_\_\_
9. back to the wall \_\_\_\_\_
10. breathtaking view \_\_\_\_\_

