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Simile Worksheet 3

Directions: Identify the two things that are being compared in each simile and explain what the simile is expressing in literal language.

Simile: a comparison between two different things using the word “like” or “as.”

Example: Fame is fleeting as the wind

_____ Fame _____ (is / are) being compared to _____ the wind _____

In literal language this means...

This means that fame can come and go very quickly.

1. Bright were his eyes like live coals, as he gave me a sideways glance.

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

2. They were standing where a brook, bending like a shepherd's crook,
Flashed its silver, and thick ranks of willow fringed its mossy banks;

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

3. A year has gone, as the tortoise goes, heavy and plodding;

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

4. There are souls, like stars, that dwell apart, in a fellowless firmament;

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

5. One self-denying act, one word that eased the heart of him that heard;
One glance most kind, which felt like sunshine where it went,

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

6. The mellow glow of the twilight shone like a jeweled crown,

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

7. The skies in the darkness stoop nearer and nearer,
A cluster of stars hangs like fruit in the tree,

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

8. What shall we do when hope is gone? The words leapt like a leaping sword;
"Sail on! sail on! sail on! and on!"

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

9. Turn from blotted archives of the past and find the future's pages white as snow!

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

10. Why should the spirit of mortal be proud! Like a swift fleeting meteor, a fast flying cloud,
A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave, he passes from life to his rest in the grave.

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...