

## Activity 2—Understanding Metaphors

### Form B

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Directions

Metaphors are sentences that compare two ideas or things but do not contain cues like the words *like*, *as*, or *as if*. For each item below, circle the meaning that best explains each metaphor. Be prepared to discuss your answers. Ask questions if you need assistance.

**1** Gardening is her therapist.

She enjoys gardening.

She has allergies.

**2** The SWAT Team were bees swarming the building.

The team wore black-and-yellow jackets.      The team surrounded the building.

**3** Our teacher is an animal trainer.

Our teacher works at the zoo.

Our teacher has students who don't behave.

**4** Her bedroom was the garbage can of the house.

Her bedroom was a mess.

Her bedroom was round.



**She was a magnet to bad luck.**

She was attractive.

Many unfortunate things  
happened to her.



**The building was a soldier in the city.**

The building was army green.

The building was sturdy and tall.



**The fighter plane was an angry bee buzzing in the sky.**

The plane forcefully attacked its target.

There was a bee inside the plane's  
cockpit.



**The TV was a cheap babysitter.**

The TV entertained the children.

The TV was inexpensive.



**Her ankles were rubber bands in those high-heeled shoes.**

Her ankles were broken.

She couldn't walk well in high heels.



**The kitchen was the heart of their home.**

The oven made the kitchen warm.

Important events took place in the  
kitchen.