

## Input - Metaphors

- 1) People use metaphors in their everyday lives to provide their interlocutors with an image of what they are saying or writing. In this activity, there are some metaphors people usually use in their conversations. Complete the sentences with the most appropriate word in the box. Tip: such words are the “images” of what they say.

angel   bee   blue   cow   key   money   ocean   sheep   star
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- a) “My teacher is an old \_\_\_\_\_.”  
(Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2010/oct/12/learning-english-good-teaching-cortazzi>)
- b) “... learning English is a ‘\_\_\_\_\_’ to open doors of opportunity.”  
(Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2010/oct/12/learning-english-good-teaching-cortazzi>)
- c) “Thanks for helping me - you’re an \_\_\_\_\_.”  
(Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEGWeQ1FK8E>)
- d) “You’re such a busy \_\_\_\_\_!”  
(Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEGWeQ1FK8E>)
- e) “The people in that club are just a bunch of \_\_\_\_\_.”  
(Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEGWeQ1FK8E>)
- f) “He is a shining \_\_\_\_\_.”  
(Source: <http://examples.yourdictionary.com/metaphor-examples-for-kids.html>)
- g) “Time is \_\_\_\_\_.”  
(Source: <http://examples.yourdictionary.com/metaphor-examples-for-kids.html>)
- h) “I’m feeling \_\_\_\_\_.”  
(Source: <http://examples.yourdictionary.com/metaphor-examples.html>)
- i) “Your eyes are the \_\_\_\_\_.”  
(Source: <http://www.metrolyrics.com/distraction-lyrics-m1ldl1fe.html>)

- 2) In pairs, discuss what those metaphors may mean. Take notes of your discussion - two to three words are enough.

- a) \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) \_\_\_\_\_.
- e) \_\_\_\_\_.
- f) \_\_\_\_\_.
- g) \_\_\_\_\_.
- h) \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) \_\_\_\_\_.

- 3) Think about the following questions and take part in the group discussion. They all refer to the metaphors you have worked on in Activity 1.

- a) Are there any similar metaphors in our language? Which one/ones?
- b) Are there any metaphors that would be seen as rude or not so good in our culture? Which ones? Why?