

Possible answers - Input - Metaphors

- 1) People use metaphors in their everyday life 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

- a) "My teacher is an old **cow**." (Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2010/oct/12/learning-english-good-teaching-cortazzi>)
- b) "... learning English is a '**key**' 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 **angel**." (Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEGWeQ1FK8E>)
- d) "You're such a busy **bee**!" (Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEGWeQ1FK8E>)
- e) "The people in that club are just a bunch of **sheep**." (Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEGWeQ1FK8E>)
- f) "He is a shining **star**." (Source: <http://examples.yourdictionary.com/metaphor-examples-for-kids.html>)
- g) "Time is **money**." (Source: <http://examples.yourdictionary.com/metaphor-examples-for-kids.html>)
- h) "I'm feeling **blue**." (Source: <http://examples.yourdictionary.com/metaphor-examples.html>)
- i) "Your eyes are the **ocean**." (Source: <http://www.metrolyrics.com/distraction-lyrics-m1dl1fe.html>)

- 2) In pairs, discuss what those metaphors may mean. Take notes of your discussion - two to three words are enough.
The answers for letters a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, and i may vary.

- 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?
Yes, there are. The examples 1b, 1c, 1g, and 1h are similar to metaphors in our language.

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

The metaphors in a, d, and e would be seen as rude or not so good in our culture because metaphors mentioning non-pet animals are usually created and used to express negative characteristics. Although the metaphor in letter d refers to an insect, the meaning of "being a bee" in our culture is related to someone who likes to gossip around and/or is nosy.