

Analysis of Language 7 **Figurative Language**

Metaphor

Work with a partner to think about how the writer uses the metaphor in the excerpt below and then answer the questions that follow.

"Christmas is a bridge. We need bridges as the river of time flows past. Today's Christmas should mean creating happy hours for tomorrow and reliving those of yesterday."

—Gladys Taber

- 1) Hi-light and label the metaphors you see in the sentence.
- 2) What does the bridge and the river have to do with Christmas?

- 3) How might the bridge connect tomorrow and yesterday, according to the author?

- 4) Use the format of the sentence and just change some of the words to create your own beautiful sentence. (Enjoy sharing with a classmate!)

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