***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?

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

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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!)

"Christmas is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We need \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ flows past. Today's Christmas should mean creating \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for tomorrow and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ those of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”