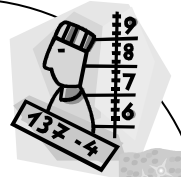


## Using Metaphors

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**Read the sentences below. Rewrite each one using a metaphor.**

1. She was stuck at home, unable to go anywhere.

\_\_\_\_\_ She was a prisoner in her own home. \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Peter does better than anyone else in our classroom.

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. The information was good news that Gracey was glad to hear.

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Scott was sad for a long time after his puppy died.

\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Life has happy times, and sad times.

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6. People of all different races live together in America.

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7. Wasting time is bad.

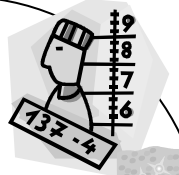
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**Read the sentences below. Rewrite each one using a metaphor.**

**Student answers will vary. Sample answers given.**

9. She was stuck at home, unable to go anywhere.

She was a prisoner in her own home.

10. Peter does better than anyone else in our classroom.

Peter is a shining star in our classroom.

11. The information was good news that Gracey was glad to hear.

The information was music to Gracey's ears.

12. Scott was sad for a long time after his puppy died.

Scott was blue for months after his puppy died.

13. Life has happy times, and sad times.

Life is a rollercoaster of emotions.

14. People of all different races live together in America.

America is a melting pot of different races.

15. Wasting time is bad.

Time is money.

16. The accident taught me to be more careful when I cross the street.

The accident was a painful lesson on safety.