Similes and Metaphors Quiz

1. Similes and metaphors are poetic devices. What does this mean?
   a. Every poem includes at least one simile or metaphor
   b. They are literary techniques commonly found in poetry
   c. They are rarely used in prose, or any form of non-poetic writing
   d. They are tricks that poets use to fool their readers

2. What is a simile?
   a. A comparison that uses the words "like" or "as"
   b. A comparison that does not use the words "like" or "as"
   c. An adverbial phrase that compares one thing to another
   d. A type of poem in which two things are compared

3. Which of the following sentences contains a simile?
   a. The mouse was quiet.
   b. The mouse was whisper-quiet
   c. The mouse was quiet as a whisper
   d. The mouse's footsteps sounded whispery

4. In the sentence, "When the cat stalks his prey, he is a shadow," what two things are being compared?
   a. The cat and its prey
   b. The cat and its shadow
   c. The cat and a shadow
   d. The prey and its shadow

5. What is a metaphor?
   a. A comparison that uses the words "like" or "as"
   b. A comparison that does not use the words "like" or "as"
   c. An adverbial phrase that compares one thing to another
   d. A type of poem in which two things are compared

6. Which of the following could be added to the phrase, "My cat is black" to form a simile?
   a. And furry
   b. All over
   c. In color
   d. As ink

7. Which of the following is a metaphor?
   a. His hair is flame red
   b. Like a flame, his hair is red
   c. In the sunlight, his hair is flame
   d. His hair is red as a flame

8. Which of the following sentences contains a metaphor?
   a. The house was a carnival
   b. The house was noisy like a carnival
   c. The house had a carnival-like atmosphere
   d. The carnival moved into the house

9. Sometimes, metaphors can be difficult to decipher. What’s the best synonym for “decipher?”
   a. Compare
   b. Read
   c. Focus on
   d. Figure out

10. Which of the following sentences contains a simile?
    a. She was a gazelle
    b. She ran faster than a gazelle
    c. A gazelle couldn't run faster than she did
    d. She was as graceful as a gazelle