Metaphors are a way to compare to by saying that one thing is another thing. For example, we say somebody is a fool. In the past in Europe, a fool was a person who entertained the king or queen by doing silly things. The fool was a kind of clown. He often did crazy or stupid things to make people laugh. So when we call somebody a fool we really mean that he or she is doing something silly or stupid. We don’t really mean that they are somebody who entertains the king or queen. We are using a metaphor.

What do we mean when we say these things:

When we say someone is a pig we really mean that ____________________________

When we call someone an angel we really mean that ____________________________

If we say someone is a giant we really mean that ____________________________

When we call a man an ogre or a woman a witch we really mean ____________________________

When somebody plays cards and we call them a shark, we really mean that ___

If we say that somebody is a volcano ready to explode, we really mean that ___

When we say somebody is bright we mean that ____________________________

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