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### Identify Similes and Metaphors in *Rice From Heaven*

**Directions:** Read the following sentences. If the sentence contains a simile, write the letter S in the blank. If the sentence contains a metaphor, write the letter M in the blank. If the sentence does not contain a simile or metaphor, write the letter X in the blank.

\_\_\_\_\_ North Korea is a gigantic, empty rice bowl with a government that does nothing to help its people.

\_\_\_\_\_ Beyond that wall and across the sea live children just like me, except they do not have enough food to eat.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a little grain of rice. How can I help?

\_\_\_\_\_ The hope in my heart withers like a dying rice stalk.

\_\_\_\_\_ And then words come spilling out of me like grains of rice tumbling out of a bag.

\_\_\_\_\_ “You are my strong sunflower.”

\_\_\_\_\_ “I used to be one of those hungry children, eating once a day or not at all.”

\_\_\_\_\_ Air whishes into the balloon like a snake let loose—slithering, impatient to be released—until a rice bag is tied onto its tail.

\_\_\_\_\_ The stars and moon hide under the rainclouds as two hundred balloons creep over the mountains like stealthy ninjas to fight hunger in the darkness of the night.

**Explain how similes and metaphors are the same and different from one another.**

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## Explain Similes and Metaphors in *Rice from Heaven*

(L.4.5.A, L.5.5.A)

**Directions:** Read the following sentences. Tell what two things are being compared. Then, explain how those two things are similar.

- 1) North Korea is a gigantic, empty rice bowl with a government that does nothing to help its people.

What two things are being compared? \_\_\_\_\_

How are these two things alike?

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- 2) I am a little grain of rice. How can I help?

What two things are being compared? \_\_\_\_\_

How are these two things alike?

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- 3) “You are my strong sunflower.”

What two things are being compared? \_\_\_\_\_

How are these two things alike?

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- 4) Air whishes into the balloon like a snake let loose—slithering, impatient to be released—until a rice bag is tied onto its tail.

What two things are being compared? \_\_\_\_\_

How are these two things alike?

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