

Name _____

Andrew, the Albatross

I love water sports, especially waterskiing. That's why I invited my best friend, Andrew, over to give it a try. Andrew had never been on waterskis before, but he was a good athlete. So, I thought waterskiing would be a **breeze** for him.

1. Who is Andrew? _____
2. What do you know about Andrew? _____
3. What does the word **breeze** mean in this sentence? _____
4. What clues suggest that waterskiing might not be a breeze for Andrew? _____

Day 1

Waterskiing is like flying to me. When I am being pulled on waterskis behind the boat, I feel like an eagle in flight. However, I realized Andrew was more of an albatross than an eagle.

1. How does the author feel about waterskiing? _____
2. What clues suggest the author is good at waterskiing? _____
3. Describe an eagle. _____
4. What is an albatross? _____

Day 2

On his first try, Andrew let go of the tow rope as soon as the boat started to move. He sank like an **anchor**. On his second try, he leaned into the skis, flipping head over heels like a gymnast.

1. What is an **anchor**? _____
2. Why is Andrew compared to an anchor? _____
3. What two similes does the author use to describe Andrew? _____
4. Write a simile for how you might look while waterskiing. _____

Day 3

On his third try, Andrew stood up. He teetered back and forth like a rag doll until he finally fell over. He held on to the rope long after he lost both skis. As he flopped at the end of the rope like a fish, I realized that waterskiing is not for everyone.

1. What two similes are used to describe Andrew? _____
2. What is your favorite simile from this week's reading? _____
3. Is the title of the passage a metaphor or a simile? _____
4. Write a metaphor that could be used to describe the author of the passage. _____

Day 4

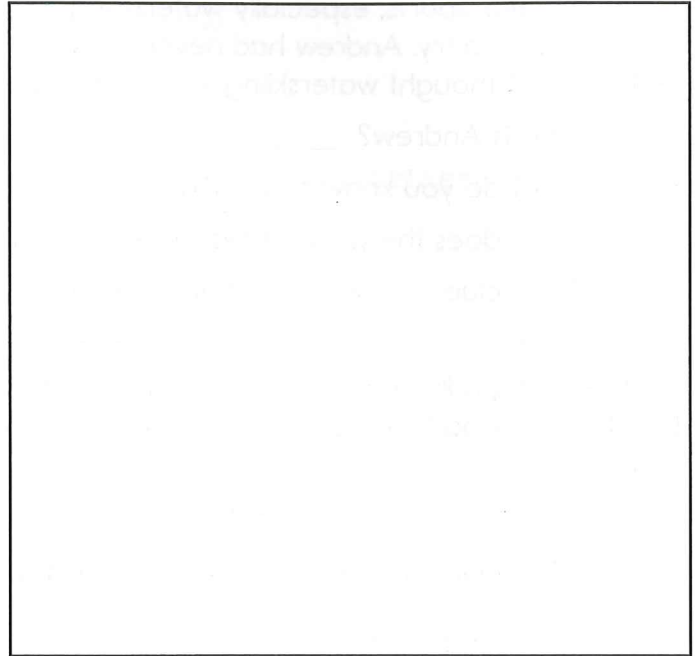
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Whitesox

Sanding the board,
My sweet Whitesox.

Her tongue,
Like fine grains of sand
On paper,
Licking the wood.

She is an electric sander,
Giving out a quiet purr.
She is a nail file,
Smoothing out the edges.



1. What is Whitesox? _____
2. Draw a picture of Whitesox in the box.
3. List the simile (comparison using **like** or **as**). _____
4. List the metaphors (comparison without using **like** or **as**). _____

