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Literal and Nonliteral Meanings

Read the passages carefully. Answer the questions.

The Stormy Night

The wind howled like a lonely wolf as the trees danced wildly. Raindrops tapped on the roof like tiny drummers in a band. Inside, Grandma's fireplace was a warm hug, keeping us safe from the angry weather.

1. What does "the wind howled like a lonely wolf" mean?
 - a) The wind made a loud, sad sound
 - b) A real wolf was outside
 - c) The wind stopped suddenly
2. What is being compared to "a warm hug"?
 - a) The fireplace
 - b) The rain
 - c) Grandma

The Busy Bee Bakery

Mom's cinnamon rolls were pillows of sweetness, melting in my mouth. The mixer growled like a hungry bear as it stirred the cookie dough. I was a detective, sniffing out every yummy smell in the kitchen!

3. What does "pillows of sweetness" describe?
 - a) The soft, delicious rolls
 - b) Actual pillows
 - c) The mixer
4. Why is the mixer compared to a hungry bear?
 - a) It made loud, growling noises
 - b) It was brown and furry
 - c) It mixed slowly