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Literal vs Nonliteral

Read and answer the question.

Mark looked outside and said, "It's raining cats and dogs". He made sure to wear his raincoat before leaving the house.

Can it really rain cats and dogs?

Yes



Read and answer the question.

Mark looked outside and said, "It's raining cats and dogs". He made sure to wear his raincoat before leaving the house.

What does he really mean?



It's raining a lot.



The dog is asleep.



The cat can climb.

Read and answer the question.

Sharon went outside on a windy day. She said, "This wind is so strong, it might knock me over."

Could wind be so strong it can knock you over?

Yes

Read and answer the question.

Sharon went outside on a windy day. She said, "This wind is so strong, it might knock me over."

What does she really mean?



It is snowing.



It is very windy.



A bird is flying.

Read and answer the question.

Garrett wanted to buy a new game. His mother said, "No, that will cost me an arm and a leg."

Will it really cost her an arm and a leg?

Yes

Read and answer the question.

Garrett wanted to buy a new game. His mother said, "No, that will cost me an arm and a leg."

What does she really mean?



The girl is singing.



It's too expensive



The vase broke.

Read and answer the question.

Karen is taking a trip to Washington D.C. and said, "I can't wait to see the capital of America."

Is Washington D.C. really the capital of America?

Yes

Read and answer the question.

Karen is taking a trip to Washington D.C. and said, "I can't wait to see the capital of America."

What does she really mean?



She can't see.



D.C. is the capital.



She likes cake.



Read and answer the question.

Tim sees his friend in the corner thinking and said, "Can I have a penny for your thoughts?"

Does he really want to give him a penny?

Yes

Read and answer the question.

Tim sees his friend in the corner thinking and said, "Can I have a penny for your thoughts?"

What does he really mean?



Give me money.



I want an apple.



Can we talk.

