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Kenning

**1.3.12.C:** Analyze the effectiveness of literary elements used by authors in various genres.

One of the literary devices popular in the Anglo-Saxon Old English poetry tradition is the kenning. Read the definition below and ready yourself to take a stab at this delightfully metaphorical way of speaking, writing, and thinking.

**kenning** - a literary device in which a noun is renamed in a creative way using a compound word or union of two separate words to combine ideas.

\*If you call “school” a “scholar’s home” then you have created a kenning.
**\***If you tell your friends that your parents are the “car loaners” then you have created a kenning.
\*The folks at Coca-Cola might agree that a cold Coke is "humanity’s beverage."

**Assignment**: Consider carefully how you could creatively rename each of the following through the use of the kenning technique.

1. a teacher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6. police: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. bus driver: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Pop-tarts:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. firemen: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 8. music:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. television: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 9. love: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. hamburger: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10. computer:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_