Metaphor: seeing the light

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Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Match each metaphor with its meaning.

1 see the light ____	**a** to finally understand something
2 a warm welcome ____	**b** a friendly, kind greeting
3 a cold response ____	**c** an unfriendly, distant reaction
4 time flies ____	**d** time seems to pass quickly
5 broken heart ____	**e** deep sadness from a loss
6 a bright idea ____	**f** a clever or good idea
7 in the dark ____	**g** not knowing or understanding something
8 a heavy heart ____	**h** a feeling of sadness or worry

2 Choose the correct meaning.

1 She finally saw the light. (understood / went outside)

2 They gave us a warm welcome. (friendly / hot)

3 He felt a heavy heart. (sad / tired)

4 Time flies when you're happy. (passes quickly / literally flies)

5 She had a bright idea. (a clever idea / a shiny object)

6 He was left in the dark. (uninformed / in a dark room)

7 She had a broken heart. (deep sadness / a medical problem)

8 He gave a cold response. (unfriendly / low temperature)

3 Complete the descriptions with phrases from the box.

a bright idea | a broken heart | a heavy heart | a warm welcome | cold response | in the dark | saw the light | time flies

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Ana: She left with 1 _____ after saying goodbye to her friends. She always says 2 _____ when you're having fun.
Leo: He suffered from 3 _____ after the breakup, but eventually 4 _____ about what really mattered to him.
Visitors: They received 5 _____ at the door, though one guest gave a 6 _____ when asked for feedback.
Team: Someone had 7 _____ about how to fix the problem, since everyone else had been kept 8 _____ about the plan.

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4 Match each metaphor with its opposite feeling or meaning.

1 warm welcome ____	**a** a dull, unoriginal idea
2 bright idea ____	**b** remain confused
3 heavy heart ____	**c** warm response
4 see the light ____	**d** light heart
5 broken heart ____	**e** a healed heart
6 in the dark ____	**f** cold welcome
7 light on your feet ____	**g** fully informed
8 cold response ____	**h** heavy on your feet

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

A change of heart

Leo left the meeting with a heavy heart, feeling he'd made a mistake. For weeks he felt in the dark about what to do next. Then, during a conversation with a friend, he finally saw the light and understood the solution. Everyone gave him a warm welcome when he returned with his bright idea, and time flew as they discussed the plan together.

1 Leo left the meeting feeling happy. T / F

2 He felt confused for weeks. T / F

3 He finally understood the solution. T / F

4 People gave him a cold response when he returned. T / F

5 He had a clever idea. T / F

6 The discussion felt slow and boring. T / F

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (with, in, on, to).

1 She left _____ a heavy heart.

2 He was kept _____ the dark.

3 They finally saw the light _____ the situation.

4 She gave a warm welcome _____ the guests.

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OVER TO YOU

Write a 70-90 word short story using at least four metaphors related to light, warmth or feeling (see the light, warm welcome, heavy heart, etc.).

[ ] Use at least four target metaphors. [ ] Use past tenses accurately. [ ] Keep the story clear and expressive.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Metaphor meanings

1 a 2 b 3 c 4 d 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 h

2 Choose the correct meaning

1 understood 2 friendly 3 sad 4 passes quickly 5 a clever idea 6 uninformed 7 deep sadness 8 unfriendly

3 Descriptions

1 a heavy heart 2 time flies 3 a broken heart 4 saw the light 5 a warm welcome 6 cold response 7 a bright idea 8 in the dark

4 Opposites

1 f 2 a 3 d 4 b 5 e 6 g 7 h 8 c

5 Reading

1 F - he felt sad.
2 T
3 T
4 F - a warm welcome.
5 T
6 F - time flew, meaning it felt fast.

6 Prepositions

1 with 2 in 3 on 4 to

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and expressive metaphors.