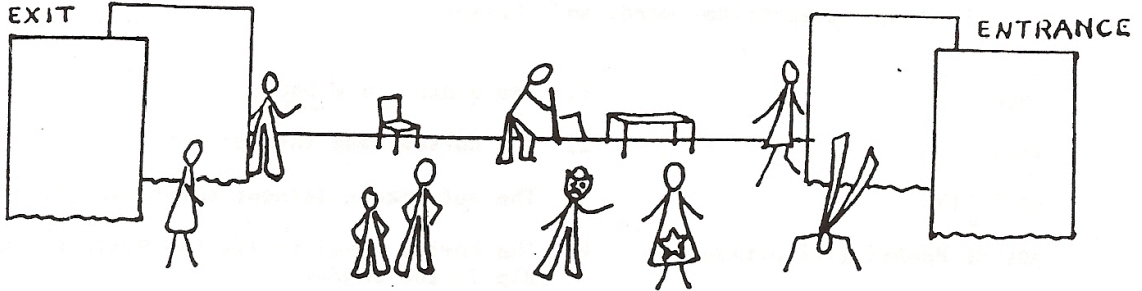


# DRAWING METAPHORS

I. A great man once said, "THE WORLD IS A STAGE."

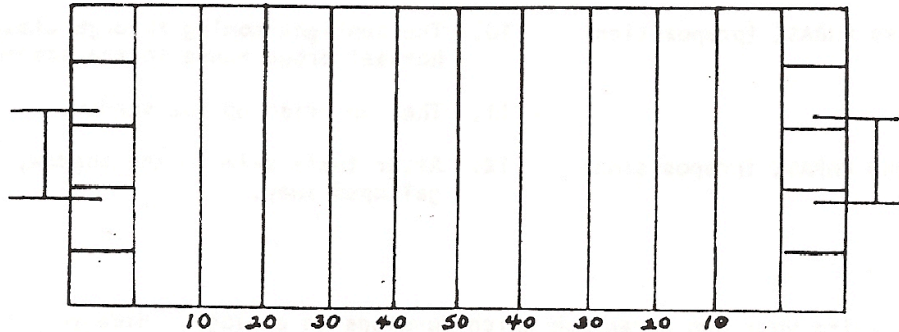


All men are players.

Stagehands are needed.  
Some people get star billing.  
Others are understudies.  
Some have comic roles

Others have supporting roles.  
Some enter with masks.  
Others make short appearances.  
Some enter reluctantly.

II. Fill in your own metaphor: "LIFE IS A FOOTBALL GAME"



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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| The goal posts are _____  | The Offense is _____     |
| The 50 yard line is _____ | The Defense is _____     |
| The kickoff is _____      | The referees are _____   |
| The quarterback is _____  | The ball is _____        |
| The tackles are _____     | An interception is _____ |
| The guards are _____      | A touchdown is _____     |
| The halfbacks are _____   | The coach is _____       |
| The fullbacks are _____   | The Rose Bowl is _____   |

### III. Hidden Metaphors

Direct metaphors are nouns; other metaphors can appear in all parts of speech. Underline the hidden metaphors in the sentences below. Use the grammatical clues to help you find the metaphorical words and phrases.

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| NOUN                          | 1. The shadow is a <u>pool</u> .   |
| VERB                          | 2. The horses wade through the shadow.   |
| ADJECTIVE                     | 3. The wet shadow darkens their spotted hides.   |
| ADVERB PHRASE (infinitive)    | 4. The horses hurry across the field to take a dip in the shadow.                              |
| NOUN (gerund)                 | 5. Shadow-swimming refreshed the horses.   |
| ADVERB                        | 6. The horses' full tails whisk <u>splashingly</u> through the shadow.                         |
| ADJECTIVE PHRASE (participle) | 7. Submerged in the shadow <u>the</u> horses rested.   |
| ADVERB PHRASE (preposition)   | 8. The horses panted heavily in the shadow's watery depths.                                    |
| ADJECTIVE PHRASE (infinitive) | 9. The little ponies seem to <u>drown</u> in the shadow.                                       |
| ADVERB PHRASE (preposition)   | 10. The sunlight coming through clouds brings the horses' proud manes to the shadow's surface. |
| VERB                          | 11. The sun dried up the shadow.   |
| ADVERB PHRASE (preposition)   | 12. After their swim in the shadow, the horses galloped away.                                  |

IV. Now write your own paragraph which develops an analogy. Hide your metaphors in different parts of speech if you like. Here are some possible topics:

Composing a poem is like playing catch.

My little brother is a grasshopper.

Getting into college is like playing monopoly.

Shopping is a battle.

Dreams are balloons.