

## Visualising Figures of Speech

*An activity of "Dogs help to disperse seeds to regrow forest"*

In "Dogs help to disperse seeds to regrow forest" (page 10 - 11, *What's Up* September 2024), we read about a project where dogs wore seed harnesses and dispersed seeds as they played. To help readers imagine what was being described, the writer used figures of speech. A figure of speech does not use the phrase's literal meaning. It describes using comparisons.

- a) In the first column, draw an image depicting each phrase to show what it literally describes.  
b) Complete the sentences in the next column to explain what each figure of speech means when used in the *What's Up* article.

<b>1) wander about like giant, furry bumblebees amongst flowers</b>	It compares _____ _____ By doing so, it describes _____ _____
<b>2) bear fruit</b>	It compares _____ _____ By doing so, it describes _____ _____
<b>3) kickstart</b>	It compares _____ _____ By doing so, it describes _____ _____
<b>4) domino effect</b>	It compares _____ _____ By doing so, it describes _____ _____
<b>5) ferocious forest fires consumed the woodland</b>	It compares _____ _____ By doing so, it describes _____ _____

<p><b>6) hit upon the idea</b></p>	<p>It compares _____          _____.</p> <p>By doing so, it describes _____          _____.</p>
<p><b>7) streaked about like comets</b></p>	<p>It compares _____          _____.</p> <p>By doing so, it describes _____          _____.</p>
<p><b>8) ripple through the system</b></p>	<p>It compares _____          _____.</p> <p>By doing so, it describes _____          _____.</p>
<p><b>9) hitch a ride</b></p>	<p>It compares _____          _____.</p> <p>By doing so, it describes _____          _____.</p>
<p><b>10) burst open like popped corn</b></p>	<p>It compares _____          _____.</p> <p>By doing so, it describes _____          _____.</p>