Simile and Metaphor Practice

“Jerry looked like he’d just found out they were going to dip him in a pot of boiling milk” (Curtis 2).

1. How does Bud describe Jerry in this quote? (What type of figurative language is used? What is the comparison that is being made?)

**Bud uses a simile to describe Jerry.**

**Bud compares Jerry's face to a face of a person being threatened with getting dipped in boiling milk.**

2. What does the comparison show?

The face of person being threatened with being dipped in boiling milk would be one of terror. Bud is saying that Jerry's face has a look of terror on it.

3. What inference can we make about Bud’s point of view based on his use of figurative language in this quote?

**We can infer that Bud sees that Jerry is terrified to go to the foster home.**

“Here we go again. I felt like I was walking in my sleep as I followed Jerry back to the room where all the boys’ beds were jim-jammed together” (Curtis 3).
4. How does Bud describe himself in this quote? (What type of figurative language is used? What is the comparison that is being made?)

**Bud uses a simile to describe himself.**

Bud is comparing how he is feeling to how a person in his/her sleep would feel.

5. What does the comparison show?

A **person walking in his/her sleep would be walking around without really feeling anything about what he/she is doing. Bud is saying that he is walking around like he isn't really feeling anything about what he is doing.**

6. What inference can we make about Bud’s point of view based on his use of figurative language in this quote?

**We can infer that Bud is used to going to foster homes, so he doesn't care one way or another about going.**

“*If I was like a normal kid I would’ve busted out crying, but I just stood there breathing hard*” (Curtis 20).

7. How does Bud describe himself in this quote? (What type of figurative language is used? What is the comparison that is being made?)

**Bud uses a simile to describe himself.**

Bud is comparing himself to a normal kid.
8. What does the comparison show?

A normal kid facing a scary situation that he doesn't want to happen would cry. Bud is saying that he isn't normal because he is facing a scary situation that he doesn't want to happen, yet he doesn't cry.

9. What inference can we make about Bud’s point of view based on his use of figurative language in this quote?

We can infer that Bud does not feel like a normal kid because bad/scary things don't make him cry anymore.

“Everything moved very, very fast when Momma was near, she was like a tornado, never resting, always looking around us, never standing still” (Curtis 41).

10. How does Bud describe his mother in this quote? (What type of figurative language is used? What is the comparison that is being made?)

Bud is using a simile to describe his mother.

He is comparing his mother to a tornado.

11. What does the comparison show?

A tornado is a forceful cyclone of wind that is chaotic. Bud is saying that his mother is always "whirling" about creating chaos.
12. What inference can we make about Bud’s point of view based on his use of figurative language in this quote?

We can infer that Bud sees his mother as someone who is chaotic which could make life difficult.

“A bud is a flower-to-be. A flower-in-waiting. Waiting for just the right warmth and care to open up. It’s a little fist of love waiting to unfold and be seen by the world. And that’s you” (Curtis 42).

13. How does Bud’s mother describe Bud in this quote? (What type of figurative language is used? What is the comparison that is being made?)

Bud’s mother is using a metaphor to describe Bud.

She is comparing Bud to a flower bud.

14. What does the comparison show?

A flower bud is something that needs the right amount of warmth and care to reach its potential. Bud’s mother is saying that Bud needs the right amount of warmth and care to reach his potential.

15. What inference can we make about Bud’s mother’s point of view based on her use of figurative language in this quote?

We can infer that Bud’s mother sees him as a person who can flourish into a person who does great things if he gets the care and the love that he needs.
"And Bud, I want you always to remember, no matter how bad things look to you, no matter how dark the night, when one door closes, don’t worry, because another door opens” (Curtis 43).

16. How does Bud’s mother describe the bad things that happen in life in this quote? (What type of figurative language is used? What is the comparison that is being made?)

Bud’s mother uses a metaphor.

She compares bad things happening to one door closing and one door opening.

17. What does the comparison show?

One door closing is a bad thing happening. The new door opening is the next good thing happening. Bud’s mother is telling Bud that when something bad happens to him, don’t worry. A good thing will happen.

18. What inference can we make about Bud’s mother’s point of view based on her use of figurative language in this quote?

We can infer that Bud's mother sees the bad and difficult things in life as a door closing. However, when the "door closes" it leads to a "new door opening." The new door is a good thing that will happen. Bud's mother is trying to teach him to be optimistic in life.