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KENNINGS

Can you determine what each of these kennings represents?

Arrow aimer

**Antique
printer**

Tickle tool

Dust terror

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.

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.

Ex: If you call “school” a “scholar’s home”-- then you have created a kenning.

Directions: consider how you could creatively rename each of the following through the use of the kenning technique.

1. a dog

6. chocolate

2. a fireman

7. a race car

3. a photographer

8. an athlete

4. meatloaf

9. love

5. pop tarts

10. a train