A **metaphor** (pronounced: MET-uh-for) is a figure of speech that describes one thing as something else. How many metaphors are in this poem?

**The Metaphor Family**

by Lill Pluta

My brother is a dragon.
My mom’s a teddy bear.
I am a shaggy sheepdog
with a ton of tangled hair.

My father is a monkey.
He likes to make us laugh,
especially my sister,
who is a tall giraffe.

We are a busy family
with many things to do.
Our home is always happy,
but sometimes it’s a zoo.
Mom said my bedroom is a pig pen. What does she mean?

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My friend Joey is a clown. What does this mean?

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Everyone calls me a little angel. What do they probably mean?

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Write a metaphor about someone who is very smart.

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Write a metaphor about someone who is a fast runner.

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Write a metaphor about someone who is not well-behaved.

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Write a metaphor about a tree.

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Write a nice metaphor about one of your friends.

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