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Spot the Synecdoche

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A **synecdoche** (sih-NEHK-duh-kee) is a figure of speech in which a part of something stands for the whole. Take the phrase "head count." When you do a head count, you're not really counting heads, you're counting people. "Head" is a synecdoche that stands for "people."

Directions: In each of the sentences below, circle the synecdoche and write what it means in the space provided.

1. I wanted to sit with my friends, but the cafeteria was full of unfamiliar faces.

2. There are too many mouths to feed.

3. Katie is off to the mall to buy some new threads.

4. Lend me your ears, fellow students of second-period algebra!

5. Marco is saving his allowance for a new set of wheels.

6. All hands rushed to the deck when the ship hit choppy waters.

7. When I got to the checkout counter, I realized that I had forgotten my plastic!

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