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Making Metonyms

In "One to Watch," up-and-coming baseball star Bryce Harper describes his goals for the future: "Play in Yankee Stadium. Play in the pinstripes." Will he wear anything besides pinstripes? Of course! He'll wear a whole uniform! In his sentence, "pinstripes" stands for the pin-striped uniform of the New York Yankees. Referring to something by just one of its attributes, or by something closely associated with it, is called *metonymy* (meh-TAW-nuh-mee).

Examples:

The White House announced a new environmental plan.

In this sentence, "White House" refers to the President and his administration.

Jason showed off his new set of wheels.

In this sentence, "set of wheels" refers to the whole car.

Directions: In the sentences below, underline the word or words that use metonymy. On the line below, explain what the word(s) refer to.

1. At the show's finale, a hundred dancing feet came tapping across the stage.

2. John asked Maria for her hand in marriage.

3. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederate Army.

4. The townspeople were loyal to the crown.

5. The shoplifter was disheartened to look up and see a shiny badge.

6. Washington spoke to Moscow about an arms treaty.

7. The rebels fought with their pens.

8. All sorts of masks parade around on Halloween.
