**EXAMPLES OF EXTENDED METAPHORS:**

1. I am a book  
   I’m not always accurate  
   But I have a story of my own  
   Many people walk in and out of my life  
   They may judge me by looks, personality, actions  
   No facts are told   
   They’re just characters that complete my endless story  
   I can be interpreted in many different ways  
   Which can affect each and every page of my life  
   But that makes all the difference  
   I’ll be on the shelves  
   On the best kind of wood  
   That would support  
   My theme and my message  
   Because every book has an author  
   She knows herself well   
   She writes what she loves
2. I am the little stream bubbling and frothing over stones and pebbles, tripping over boulders and getting broken up, meandering in search of newer pastures and getting lost, till I accumulate enough silt (wisdom) to become the river that flows majestically, strong and silent.
3. My brother is a snapping turtle. He is extremely slow. He sleeps 3/4 of the day. If he was going any slower, he would be going backwards.
4. Picking Up the Pieces: the Mosaic Vase

You are an intricate mosaic vase,

With so many glass pieces to your being.

All labeled by various colors and shapes.

Reds, blues, oranges, gigantic, small, sharp.

Your colors represent who and what you will always be—

A difference, a sister, a teacher, a daughter, a venturer, a writer,

A Hodgepodge of unique.

You are a fascinatingly beautiful mosaic vase,

A vase that lights up a dull room, boring and lifeless.

I wonder and admire how you put yourself together—

Even through the hardest of times—

In order to create a stunning Work of art.

Even though you are quite rare and fragile with all your misshaped and broken glass pieces,

You are shaped to perfection.

You are a mosaic vase.

**OPTIONAL STRUCTURES:**

1. I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (compare yourself to something)
2. Continue the description/metaphor
3. Con’t
4. Con’t
5. Repeat line 1
6. I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (compare yourself to something)
7. Continue the description
8. Con’t
9. Con’t
10. Repeat line 6
11. I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (compare yourself to something)
12. Continue the description
13. Con’t
14. Con’t
15. Repeat line 11
16. I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (compare yourself to something)
17. Continue the description
18. Con’t
19. Con’t
20. Repeat line 16

**Another option:**

1. I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (compare yourself to something)
2. Continue the description/metaphor
3. Con’t
4. Con’t
5. Con’t
6. I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (compare yourself to something)
7. Continue the description/metaphor
8. Con’t
9. Con’t
10. Con’t

Repeat for 20 lines

**Another option:**

1. I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (compare yourself to something)
2. Continue the description/metaphor for 10 lines
3. I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (compare yourself to something – in contrast to line 1)
4. Continue the description/metaphor for 10 lines

**Some things to use for your metaphors:**

An emotion

Room

Building

Colour

Food/drink

Clothing

Sport

Animal

Candy

Toy

Device

Music style

Place – country, city, other

Vehicle

Furniture

Writing tool

Something in nature

Weather

Body parts (ex. hand, eyes)

Gestures (wave, nod, etc.)

A holiday or event