

## KENNING EXERCISE

**Important:** read the description of kennings in the online workbook before you begin!

**Part 1:** Which of the following compounds and phrases are **kennings**? Which are not? Come to section prepared to discuss your reasoning. “Soap opera” is given as an example; “greasy spoon” is started but you must complete it.

	kenning? if yes, then →	metaphor	synecdoche	metonymy
soap opera	yes	opera <i>mock-comparison to highbrow art</i>		soap <i>ads target women who buy laundry detergent</i>
greasy spoon	yes	no	?	?
bodice-ripper				
cowboy				
Rust Belt				
Hollywood				
clickbait				
eye candy				
brain cramp				
food porn				
beefcake				
tearjerker				
talking head				
skyscraper				
chick flick				
ambulance chaser				
grasshopper				

[The Urban Dictionary](#) is a good resource to check the meaning of newer kennings.

**Part 2: Think of 3 to 5 kennings** from current English. Indicate how each constituent part contributes to the final meaning, as in the chart above. While Old English kennings were compound words, we are also including two-word phrases like “greasy spoon” but **not** phrases like “house of cards” or “pigs in a blanket.”

Ambiguous or borderline or problematic cases are welcome!

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