

Figurative Language

Can't You Make Them Behave, King George?Vocabulary Strategies:
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Read the set of sentences in each item. Circle context clues that help you understand the underlined expression. Then rewrite the underlined expression in your own words.

1. The king's face was like a thundercloud when he heard the news. He frowned at the messenger and slammed the door.
2. The colonists were a thorn in the side of the king. Every time he thought of their rebellion, he became irritated.
3. He swallowed his pride. Then he said he was sorry for losing the colonies.
4. The battle took them a step further down the road to independence. They were excited about their victory.
5. The soldier felt like a limp dishrag after the long march. He could barely stand upright.
6. The darkness blanketed the sleeping soldiers lying on the field. Only the white hospital tent could be seen.
7. The king was caught off guard by the defeat of his army. It took him a long time to understand what happened.
8. The king's advisors clucked at him like hens. Finally, the king plugged his ears and walked away.