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Allusion: Sasquatch
Meaning: Legend says Sasquatch is huge; dad means the child’s feet are big.

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Allusion: Jay Z
Meaning: Jay Z is a rapper who wears a lot of "bling". She means his watch is flashy.

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Allusion: John Hancock
Meaning: John Hancock signed his name to the Declaration of Independence in large letters and with a giant flourish. He means that the person signed his name really big.

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Allusion: Buckingham Palace
Meaning: Buckingham Palace is a castle; Mom means that the doctor’s house is expensive and glamorous.

4. He poured his heart out in the love letter to his girlfriend. The letter was as poetic as if Shakespeare himself had written it.

Allusion: Shakespeare
Meaning: Shakespeare was famous for his romantic sonnets; he means the letter was romantic and well-written.

5. I poured myself a cup of coffee in the teacher’s lounge and took a sip. It wasn't Starbucks, but the jolt of hot, steamy caffeine helped wake me up.

Allusion: Starbucks
Meaning: Starbucks is well-known for its delicious coffee; the author means the school’s coffee wasn’t that delicious.

6. The three-year-old jumped out of the tub, leaving murky, dingy water in his wake. Staring into the tub, his dad exclaimed, "Wowza. It’s like the Boston Tea Party in there."

Allusion: Boston Tea Party
Meaning: 1000’s of gallons of tea were dumped into the bay during the Boston Tea Party; he means the water was really brown.