Figurative Signs Exercise

Working with your neighbour

1. Underline each metaphor and circle each metonym

The West, in the shape of the EU and the US, is talking about tough action against Moscow - but these are threats, not punishment. They are intended to be a big rock hovering over the head of individuals, forcing them to question their next step in Ukraine. The White House is being coy about who might be targeted - apparently a list of names is being prepared but right now it is a blank. We know that the bank balance of the man most responsible for the crisis in Ukraine is not in America's sights. Russian President Vladimir Putin isn't on any potential blacklist. It's others lower down the food chain who would take the hit.

Both Ukrainians and Russians are having their US visas revoked. They will be told who they are, although the list won't be made public. Officials say this is part of making Russia feel the costs of its action. US President Barack Obama's first aim has to be to stop things getting worse - in particular to make sure there's no Russian invasion of Eastern Ukraine.

The second aim must be to get Moscow to talk to the government in Kiev about the Crimea - even if the Ukrainians decide to give it away. Senior administration officials say today's move is a powerful, flexible tool that allows them to escalate their response to what happens on the ground.

The EU's threat of "far-reaching" consequences of action in "a broad range of economic areas" is far less specific, and far weaker. In fact, while the Poles and the Baltic states might have wanted tougher action, Europe is united in its hesitancy. But the US has demanded, and got, them to join in the threats. There may be more problems down the line if Russia decides to ignore the big rock and bets that they won't dare pull the lever.

Semantic Relations Exercise

Sandy Springs police say 23-year-old Qianying Zhao of nearby Doraville was discovered at 5pm on Wednesday.

She told officers she was there to go to the pop star's birthday party and got in through an unlocked door.

The home, which is owned by music producer Dallas Austin, was unoccupied at the time.

Police say the party was held somewhere else, earlier in the week.

2. Read the passage. Underline each noun. For any two nouns, propose

   a. hyperonyms and hypernyms

   b. meronyms and holonyms

   c. synoynms

   d. antonyms