Examples of Metonymy

(1) a. The *ham sandwich* is waiting for his check.

    b. He like to read the *Marquis de Sade*.

    c. He’s in *dance*.

    d. *Acrylic* has taken over the art world.

    e. The *Times* hasn’t arrived at the press conference yet.

    f. Mrs. Grundy frowns on *blue jeans*.

    g. *New windshield wipers* will satisfy him.
Metonymy

The Part for the Whole

(2) a. Get your butt over here!

b. We don’t hire longhairs.

c. The Giants need a stronger arm in right field.

d. I’ve got a new four-on-the-floor V-8.
Metonymy

Producer for Product

(3) a. I’ll have a *Lowenbrau*.
   b. He bought a *Ford*.
   c. He’s got a *Picasso*.
   d. I hate to read *Heidegger*.
Metonymy

Object Used for User

(4)  a. The *sax* has the flu today.
    b. The *BLT* is a lousy tipper.
    c. The *gun* he hired wanted fifty grand.
    d. We need a better *glove* at third base.
    e. The *buses* are on strike.
Controller for the Controlled

(5) a. *Nixon* bombed Hanoi.

    b. *Ozawa* gave a terrible concert last night.

    c. *Napolean* lost at Waterloo.

    d. *Casey Stengel* won a lot of pennants.

    e. A Mercedes rear-ended *me*. 
Institution for People Responsible

(6)  a. *Exxon* has raised its prices again.
    b. You’ll never get the *university* to agree to that.
    c. The *Army* wants to reinstitute the draft.
    d. The *Senate* thinks abortion is immoral.
    e. I don’t approve of the *government’s actions.*
Metonymy

The Place for the Institution

(7)  
a. The *White House* isn’t saying anything.
    b. *Washington* is insensitive to the needs of the people.
    c. The *Kremlin* threatened to boycott the next round of SALT talks.
    d. *Paris* is introducing longer skirts this season.
    e. *Hollywood* isn’t what it used to be.
    f. *Wall Street* is in a panic.
Metonymy

The Place for the Event

(8) a. Let’s not let Thailand become another Vietnam.

b. Remember the Alamo.

c. Pearl Harbor still has an effect on our foreign policy.

d. Watergate changed our politics.

e. It’s been Grand Central Station here all day.