

Metaphors and Similes

Learn

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Metaphors

A metaphor is a word or a phrase used to describe something **as if it were something else**.

For example: *A wave of terror washed over him.*

The terror isn't actually a wave, but a wave is a good way to describe the feeling.

Another example is: *Jess is dynamite.*

Jess isn't made of dynamite, but it's a good way to explain how exciting she is.

Similes

A simile describes something by **comparing it to something else**, using the words **like** or **as**.

For example: *The snake moved like a ripple on a pond.*

It was as slippery as an eel.

Jess is as graceful as a gazelle.

Writers use similes and metaphors to create a clear picture for their readers. For example: '*The light was as bright as the sun*' gives more description than '*the light was bright*'.

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Complete these activities

If you have access to a computer, complete Activities 1 and 2, as well as Activity 3 - If not, start on Activity 3.

Activity 1

Complete the 'Fill in the gaps'. Can you get all three questions correct? I scored: ____ / 3

Activity 2

Now test your knowledge even further by completing the 'Metaphor or Simile?' quiz.

Read each phrase and decide whether it is a **metaphor** or a **simile**. How many will you get correct?

I scored: ____ / 8

Activity 3

Some similes are used a lot, like 'as cool as a cucumber' or 'as busy as a bee'. Here are the start of some similes but they have not been finished. Add in the endings. You need to finish each simile so it makes sense.

For example: '*as sad as a child on Christmas Day*' doesn't make sense as children are usually happy on Christmas day. Instead you could say, '*as sad as a child who has dropped their ice cream*'.

1. As happy as _____
2. As busy as _____
3. As quick as _____
4. As tall as _____
5. As lazy as _____
6. As hungry as _____

Handwriting

Kennings Poems

A Kenning is a two-word phrase used to describe something. A Kennings poem is made up of several lines of Kennings to describe something or someone.

Copy this Kennings poem in your best handwriting.

My dog

Mud collector

Sock chewer

Mess maker

Puddle swimmer

Cat chaser

Soggy shaker

Always there,

Loyal friend,

My dog.



If you prefer, you can complete the handwriting using the 'Handwriting line guides' which can be found on the website (where you found instructions for your work), or if you have a pack, they will be in there.