

English

Grade 6

Similes and metaphors

Compare things in creative ways to paint pictures with words.



I can recognise and write similes and metaphors.

1

**Sort it**

Write each word in the right box.

as brave as a lion

the classroom was a zoo

she ran like the wind

time is a thief

as cold as ice

his heart is gold

Simile**Metaphor**

2

**Fill the gaps**

Use the word bank to complete each sentence.

WORD BANK

bee

feather

mouse

sun

1. as busy as a _____

2. as light as a _____

3. as quiet as a _____

4. as bright as the _____

3

**Simile or metaphor?**

Circle true or false.

1. 'The snow was a white blanket' is a metaphor.
2. 'He eats like a horse' is a simile.
3. A simile uses 'like' or 'as' to compare.
4. 'The moon is a silver coin' is a simile.
5. A metaphor says one thing IS another thing.
6. 'As tall as a tree' is a metaphor.

True

False

True

False

True

False

True

False

True

False

True

False

4

**Finish the simile**

Use the word bank to complete each simile.

WORD BANK

fox

mule

snail

snow

tomato

1. as slow as a _____
2. as sly as a _____
3. as stubborn as a _____
4. as red as a _____
5. as white as _____

5 What does it mean?

Draw a line from each metaphor to its meaning.

☐ The classroom was an oven. ●

● A. It was very easy.

☐ My brother is a night owl. ●

● B. It was very hot.

☐ Her words were daggers. ●

● C. He shows no kindness.

☐ The test was a breeze. ●

● D. He stays up late.

☐ He has a heart of stone. ●

● E. They hurt my feelings.

6 Choose the best answer

Circle the right answer.

1. 'Life is a rollercoaster' means that ...

A life has ups and downs

B life happens at a fun park

C life is fast

2. Which sentence is a simile?

A The stars were diamonds.

B The stars shone like diamonds.

C The stars are far away.

3. Which sentence is a metaphor?

A The road was a snake through the hills.

B The road was long.

C The road wound like a snake.

4. Why do writers use similes and metaphors?

A to make the text shorter

B to help the reader picture something

C to add facts

7

**Find the comparison**

Write simile or metaphor, then what is compared with what.

Sentence	Simile or metaphor?	What is compared?
Her smile was sunshine.		
The baby slept like a log.		
The wind howled like a wolf.		
My room is a pigsty.		

8

**Think and write**

Write a simile and a metaphor to describe a thunderstorm.

How did it go?



Made with **GradeAid**

English

Grade 6

Answer key

Similes and metaphors

Compare things in creative ways to paint pictures with words.



I can recognise and write similes and metaphors.

1 Sort it

Write each word in the right box.

as brave as a lion

the classroom was a zoo

she ran like the wind

time is a thief

as cold as ice

his heart is gold

Simile

as brave as a lion, she ran like the wind, as cold as ice

Metaphor

the classroom was a zoo, time is a thief, his heart is gold

2 Fill the gaps

Use the word bank to complete each sentence.

WORD BANK

bee

feather

mouse

sun

1. as busy as a bee

2. as light as a feather

3. as quiet as a mouse

4. as bright as the sun

3

**Simile or metaphor?**

Circle true or false.

1. 'The snow was a white blanket' is a metaphor.
2. 'He eats like a horse' is a simile.
3. A simile uses 'like' or 'as' to compare.
4. 'The moon is a silver coin' is a simile.
5. A metaphor says one thing IS another thing.
6. 'As tall as a tree' is a metaphor.

True

False

True

False

True

False

True

False

True

False

True

False

4

**Finish the simile**

Use the word bank to complete each simile.

WORD BANK

fox

mule

snail

snow

tomato

1. as slow as a snail
2. as sly as a fox
3. as stubborn as a mule
4. as red as a tomato
5. as white as snow

5 What does it mean?

Draw a line from each metaphor to its meaning.

B The classroom was an oven. ●

● **A.** It was very easy.

D My brother is a night owl. ●

● **B.** It was very hot.

E Her words were daggers. ●

● **C.** He shows no kindness.

A The test was a breeze. ●

● **D.** He stays up late.

C He has a heart of stone. ●

● **E.** They hurt my feelings.

6 Choose the best answer

Circle the right answer.

1. 'Life is a rollercoaster' means that ...

A life has ups and downs

B life happens at a fun park

C life is fast

2. Which sentence is a simile?

A The stars were diamonds.

B The stars shone like diamonds.

C The stars are far away.

3. Which sentence is a metaphor?

A The road was a snake through the hills.

B The road was long.

C The road wound like a snake.

4. Why do writers use similes and metaphors?

A to make the text shorter

B to help the reader picture something

C to add facts

7

**Find the comparison**

Write simile or metaphor, then what is compared with what.

Sentence	Simile or metaphor?	What is compared?
Her smile was sunshine.	metaphor	smile / sunshine
The baby slept like a log.	simile	baby / log
The wind howled like a wolf.	simile	wind / wolf
My room is a pigsty.	metaphor	room / pigsty

8

**Think and write**

Write a simile and a metaphor to describe a thunderstorm.

How did it go?



Made with **GradeAid**