

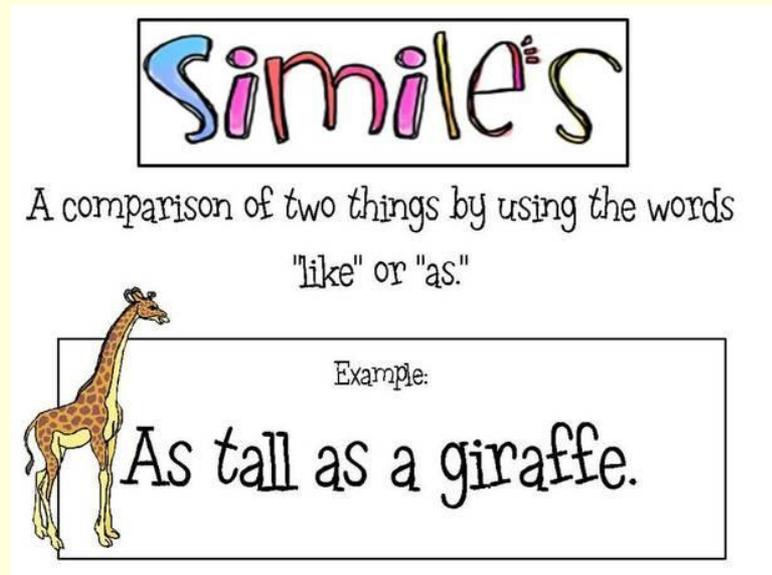
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LI: To understand and use
metaphors and similes

Similes

- A simile is when we compare one thing to something else...

for example: "Her eyes are as bright as the sun."
OR "The water sparkles like stars".



- We use similes all the time without even knowing it!

Similes in poetry

Can you spot the
similes in these
poems?

What are they
comparing?

Are they effective?

Flint

An emerald is as green as grass,
A ruby red as blood;
A sapphire shines as blue as heaven;
A flint lies in the mud.
A diamond is a brilliant stone,
To catch the world's desire;
An opal holds a fiery spark;
But a flint holds a fire.

Predictable

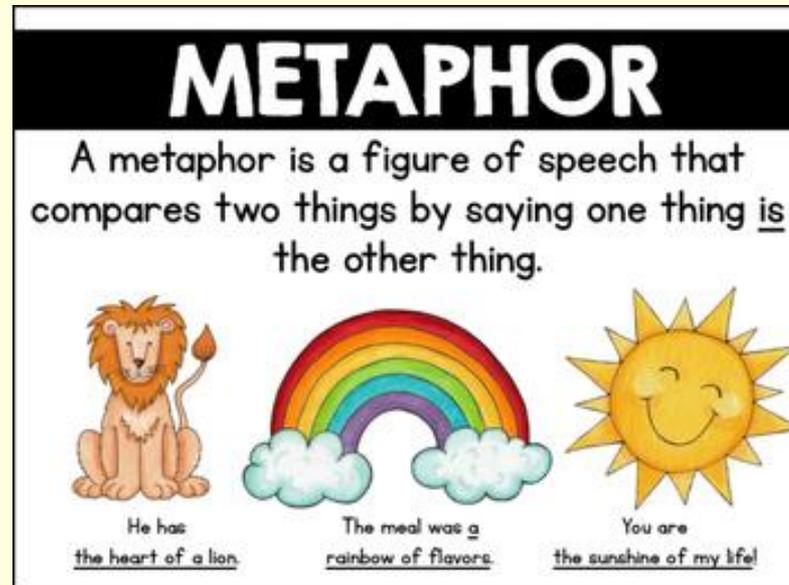
Poor as a church mouse.
strong as an ox,
cute as a button,
smart as a fox.
thin as a toothpick,
white as a ghost,
fit as a fiddle,
dumb as a post.
bald as an eagle,
neat as a pin,
proud as a peacock,
ugly as sin.
When people are talking
you know what they'll say
as soon as they start to
use a cliché.

Metaphors

- Unlike a simile, a metaphor describes something as if it **IS** that thing...

For example: "Adam is a cheeky monkey."

OR "The sea is cruel mistress."



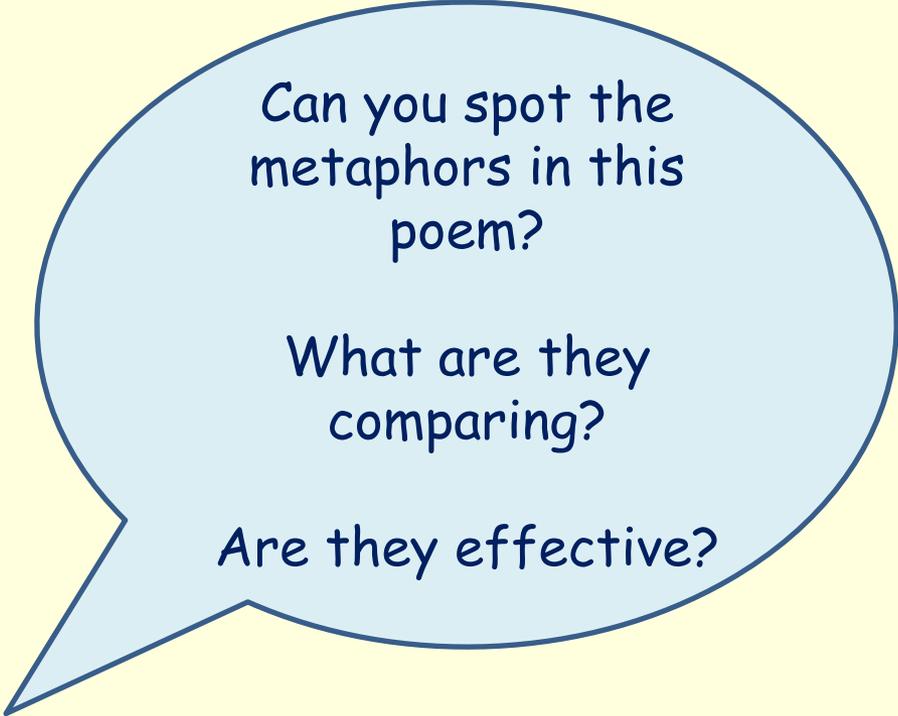
Peace

The wind is now
a roaring, smashing
monster of destruction,
raking all man's work
from the valleys,
from the vales,
and sends them spinning,
broken flying -

but all of that is
not its core,
its centre is in truth
eternal stillness
bright blue skies
and all you hear
are gentle whispers
far away
and unimportant.

Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all,

Metaphors in poetry



Can you spot the
metaphors in this
poem?

What are they
comparing?

Are they effective?

Task -decide whether these sentences are similes or metaphors

Simile or metaphor?

1. Owen is as calm as a waveless ocean.
2. Lily is a dazzling firework.
3. Ana works as hard as a busy, buzzing bee.
4. Joseph, the tiger, prowls the classroom.
5. Isabella whispers like a gentle breeze.
6. Tom roars with his lion's voice.
7. Niamh sings like a nightingale.
8. Jude is a high voltage live-wire.
9. Ben is a fountain of knowledge.
10. Ciara scurries as quietly as a mouse.
11. Just like a snowflake, Lola floats along in the breeze.
12. Sophia's silken hair tumbles down her back.
13. John zooms around the playground like a Ferrari.
14. Euan is a giant on the football pitch.
15. Emily is a bubbling, ball of excitement.

Task 2 - fill in the gaps in these poems to create your own similes and metaphors

Clever

As poor as a _____.

As strong as an _____,

As cute as a _____,

As smart as _____.

As thin as a _____,

As white as a _____,

As fit as a _____

As dumb as a _____.

As bald as an _____,

As neat as a _____,

As proud as a _____,

As ugly as _____.

Use fresh similes when
you speak and you write,
so your friends will think you are
quite clever and bright.

The Night

The night is _____.

The moon is _____.

The stars are _____.

The houses are _____.