

METAPHORS WORKSHEET

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What is a metaphor?

A metaphor describes one thing as if it were another thing. It helps us create a picture in the reader's mind. A metaphor does NOT use the words "like" or "as".

Example

Sentence: The dinosaur's claws were sharp and strong. Think: Knives are sharp. Steel is strong.

Metaphor: The dinosaur's claws were knives of steel.

How to make a metaphor

1. Find the object or person being described. 2. Think of something that has a similar quality. 3. Describe the object or person as if it were that thing.

A. Create your own metaphors

Choose something that has a similar quality. Then complete each sentence with a metaphor. More than one answer may be correct.

a. The sun was hot.

Think of something very hot, such as fire.

The sun was _____.

b. The snow was very clean and bright.

Think of something white and sparkling, such as diamonds.

The snow was _____.

c. The new car was very shiny.

Think of something that reflects light, such as a mirror.

The new car was _____.

d. The sea was very rough.

Think of something wild and powerful, such as an angry beast.

The sea was _____.

e. The dancer was elegant.

Think of something graceful, such as a swan.

The dancer was _____.

f. The wind was loud and strong.

Think of something loud and powerful, such as a roaring lion.

The wind was _____.

B. Try it yourself

Create a metaphor for each sentence. You may use your own ideas.

1. The stars were bright. _____
2. The classroom was noisy. _____
3. The boy was very fast. _____

Remember!

Simile: The dancer was LIKE a swan. Metaphor: The dancer WAS a swan.