

# Identifying Similes and Metaphors

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## THE METAPHOR

A **metaphor** states that one thing is something else. It is a comparison, but it does NOT use like or as to make the comparison. For example: Her hair is silk. The sentence is comparing (or stating) that hair is silk.

## THE SIMILE

A **simile** is a comparison using like or as. It usually compares two dissimilar objects. For example: His feet were as big as boats. We are comparing the size of feet to boats.

**Part 1** Decide whether each sentence contains a simile or a metaphor. Write the word SIMILE if the sentence contains a simile. Write the word METAPHOR if the sentence contains a metaphor. Write the meaning of the sentence in your own words after each answer.

1. The baby was like an octopus, grabbing at all the cans on the grocery store shelves. \_\_\_\_\_
2. As the principal entered the room she muttered under her breath, "This class is like a three-ring circus!" \_\_\_\_\_
3. The giant's steps were thunder as he ran toward Jack. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The pillow was a cloud when I put my head on it after a long day. \_\_\_\_\_
5. I feel like a limp dishrag. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Those girls are like two peas in a pod. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The fluorescent light was the sun during our test. \_\_\_\_\_
8. No one invites Harold to parties because he's a slug. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The bar of soap was a slippery eel during the dog's bath. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Ted was as nervous as a mouse in a room filled with cats. \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 2** Using the highlight all of the similes on color. Highlight all of the metaphors another color. Decide which items are being compared, and write them next to each line

### The Lighthouse

The light house, the guardian angel of the night \_\_\_\_\_  
She shines her light for all the lost sailors passing by \_\_\_\_\_  
Her beam bright as the sun, flashing through the night sky \_\_\_\_\_

The lighthouse, a soldier during the storms \_\_\_\_\_  
Standing tall, unafraid of the chaos \_\_\_\_\_  
Her light piercing through the storm like sharp knives \_\_\_\_\_

The light house the night owl of the day \_\_\_\_\_  
Sleeping and cozzed away until the night \_\_\_\_\_  
Her beam off as silent as a deer not wanting to be. \_\_\_\_\_

Directions:

1. Listen to each clip
2. Highlight the **similes in blue**
3. Highlight the **metaphors in pink**

4. Decide what comparison simile/metaphor makes in the lyrics.
5. What does the simile/metaphor mean to you?
6. Discuss with your partner for each simile/metaphor you have found.

"Firework" Katy Perry

Do you ever feel like a plastic bag  
Drifting through the wind, wanting to start again?  
Do you ever feel, feel so paper thin  
Like a house of cards, one blow from caving in?  
Do you ever feel already buried deep?  
Six feet under screams but no one seems to hear a thing  
Do you know that there's still a chance for you  
'Cause there's a spark in you?  
You just gotta ignite the light and let it shine  
Just own the night like the 4th of July  
'Cause baby, you're a firework  
Come on, show 'em what you're worth  
Make 'em go, oh  
As you shoot across the sky  
Baby, you're a firework  
Come on, let your colors burst  
Make 'em go, oh  
You're gonna leave 'em falling down

"Life is a Highway" Rascal Flatts

Life is a highway  
I wanna ride it  
All night long  
If you're going my way  
I wanna drive it  
All night long

"Circus" Britney Spears

All eyes on me in the center of the ring  
Just like a circus  
When I crack that whip, everybody gon' trip  
Just like a circus  
Don't stand there watching me, follow me,  
Show me what you can do  
Everybody let go, we can make a dance floor  
Just like a circus

"Heartless" Kanye West

Oh, how could you be so heartless?  
How could you be so cold?  
As the winter wind when it breeze yo  
Just remember that you talkin' to me though  
You need to watch the way you talkin' to me though

"The Climb" Miley Cyrus

There's always gonna be another mountain  
I'm always gonna wanna make it move  
Always gonna be an uphill battle  
Sometimes I'm gonna have to lose  
Ain't about how fast I get there  
Ain't about what's waitin' on the other side  
It's the climb

"Hot and Cold" Katy Perry

You change your mind  
Like a girl  
Changes clothes!

"I'm Like a Bird" Nelly Furtado

I'm like a bird, I'll only fly away  
I don't know where my soul is  
I don't know where my home is  
And baby all I need for you to know it  
I'm like a bird, I'll only fly away  
I don't know where my soul is  
I don't know where my home is

Selena Gomez "A Year Without Rain"

I'm missing you so much  
Can't help it, I'm in love  
A day without you is like a year without rain  
I need you by my side  
Don't know how I'll survive  
A day without you is like a year without rain

Taylor Swift "Love Story"

That you were Romeo, you were throwing pebbles  
And my daddy said stay away from Juliet  
And I was crying on the staircase  
Begging you please don't go, and I said

Romeo take me somewhere we can be alone  
I'll be waiting all there's left to do is run  
You'll be the prince and I'll be the princess  
It's a love story baby just say yes

"Bad Medicine" Bon Jovi

Your love is like  
Bad Medicine  
Bad Medicine  
Is what I need  
Woah Oh Oh  
Shake it up!

"Naturally" Selena Gomez

You are the thunder and I am the lightning  
And I love the way you  
Know who you are and to me it's exciting  
When you know it's meant to be  
Everything comes naturally, it comes naturally

"Just The Girl" Click Five

'cause she's bittersweet  
She knocks me off of my feet  
And I can't help myself  
I don't want anyone else  
She's a mystery  
She's too much for me  
But I keep comin' back for more  
She's just the girl I'm lookin' for

"Say it Ain't So" Weezer

Say it ain't so  
My love is a lifetaker