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Similes and Metaphors

Can you tell the difference between a simile and a metaphor? An easy way to remember how to tell the difference is to think of the word “similar” when you think of similes. Similes use the word *like* or *as* to describe things because they are saying that the subject is *like* or *as* something. In other words, the subject is *similar* to something else. Metaphors say the subject *is* something else.

For example: Jill is like a diamond in the rough. (Simile)

Jill is a jewel. (Metaphor)

In the sentences below, write the word “simile” or “metaphor” after the sentence. Circle the word that lets you know if it is a simile or a metaphor.

That dot is as big as a horse!

Jenny is as quiet as a mouse.

That man is over the hill.

Steve turned as white as a ghost when his father caught him!

That car is a boat!

Her singing sounds like a cat dying.

His shoes are skis!

It's as hot as an oven in here.

My room is a hazardous zone!

She is as sharp as a tack.

See if you can create a simile and a metaphor of your own:

Similes Worksheet

A simile is a figure of speech in which two unlike things are compared using the words *like* or *as*. Complete each of the similes below.

The little girl is as light as a

Jenny was so pretty, she was like a

The house was so small it looked like a

If my rabbit keeps eating so much he is going to be as big as a

When my mom saw how messy my room was, she turned as white as a

That pool is as small as a

That teacher is as nice as an

The barn is as red as an

She's as smart as a

This room is as cold as a

Think of some common phrases you hear. Can you list three similes of your own? Have fun with them and make some up!

1.

2.

3.

Metaphors Worksheet

A metaphor is a figure of speech in which two unlike things are compared without the use of like or as. A metaphor takes the form of a *direct statement* (or *direct comparison*).

For example: Dad is a bear today. Metaphors are often defined by their use of the word *is*, as compared to similes which use the words *like* or *as*. Metaphors must share common ground. In the example, "Dad is a bear today," the common ground is grouchiness. Review the metaphors below. After each metaphor, write the common ground that the two objects share.

Jerry has a green thumb to make his plants grow well. _____

Mom is a bear in the mornings. _____

He is such an angel! _____

Mrs. Java is a dragon with her coffee breath! _____

Can you come up with metaphors of your own and explain the meaning of them? Write your metaphors in the spaces below:

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