

## Grade 6 English Language Arts

Week of January 25 – January 29

### Lesson 5: Creative Ways to Express Ideas – Simile and Metaphors

Why would an author want to compare two things that are different from one another?

If a writer really wants you to visualize the blue of the sea, he or she may compare the blue sea to sapphires. They are quite different, but share "blueness". Earlier in this course you learned:

**Similes are a way to compare two things using the words *like* or *as*.**

**The blue sea gleamed like sapphires in the sun.**

Why use these kinds of phrases?

- Similes, and other forms of figurative language, are like sunbeams through the forest that make readers go, "Ooooooh! Aaaaaah!"
- They make writing more vivid and clear.
- They help to paint a picture with words that the reader can more easily see and feel.

Take a look at some similes in poetry. See how comparisons can be used to present feelings, images, or ideas in a fresh, often more powerful way!



Similes in Poetry: <https://youtu.be/SPILRVpy6TM>

Remember, a simile is a comparison using such words as "like" or "as". Here are some examples:

The villains looked as fierce as lions with their wild manes of hair and snarly looks.

The music burst like a pent-up flood.

Which of the following are similes?

The clouds are like galleons in the sky.

Ben's temper was a volcano, ready to explode.

Her lips were as red as a wailing firetruck.

How do metaphors help us better understand the world? And, what makes a good metaphor?



Figurative Language: <https://youtu.be/ZnQXs6dYsdY>

Comparisons that are metaphors use the verb "to be". This means that one thing IS or WAS something else, or some things ARE or WERE something else. These clue words tell you that a comparison may be a metaphor.

Which of the following are metaphors?

The road was ribbon of moonlight.

The sky is a patchwork quilt.

The thunder roared like a mighty lion.

## Simile and Metaphor in Music - Your Turn

As you listen to the following songs, answer the questions in your Learning Guide



Simile and Metaphor: <https://youtu.be/xYgFb8j0tGE>

### Simile and Metaphor in Music

Directions: Listen to each clip and replay as needed. After each clip, write down one example of either a simile or a metaphor that you heard.

1. Life is a Highway: (1 example – Circle: Simile or Metaphor)

Example:

2. Heartless: (Circle: Simile or Metaphor)

Example:

3. Hot and Cold: (Circle: Simile or Metaphor)

Example:

4. The Climb: (Circle: Simile or Metaphor)

Example:

5. I'm Like A Bird: (Circle: Simile or Metaphor)

Example:

6. A Year Without Rain: (Circle: Simile or Metaphor)

Example:

7. Love Story: (Circle: Simile or Metaphor)

Example:

8. Naturally: (Circle: Simile or Metaphor)

Example:

9. Just the Girl: (Circle: Simile or Metaphor)

Example: