

METAPHOR & SIMILE IN FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Worksheet

Part I – Understanding Metaphors and Similes

1. What is a simile?

- A. A comparison between two unlike things using "like" or "as"
- B. A comparison that says one thing is another thing
- C. An exaggerated statement that cannot be true
- D. A repeated sound at the beginning of words

2. What is a metaphor?

- A. A comparison using "like" or "as"
- B. A direct comparison between two unlike things without using "like" or "as"
- C. A statement that gives human qualities to objects
- D. A word that imitates a sound

3. Which sentence contains a simile?

- A. The classroom was a zoo.
- B. Her smile was sunshine.
- C. The baby's skin was as soft as silk.
- D. The wind whispered through the trees.

4. Which sentence contains a metaphor?

- A. The runner moved like lightning.
- B. The runner was a lightning bolt on the track.
- C. The runner moved as quickly as a cheetah.
- D. The runner ran like the wind.

5. What is the purpose of using metaphors and similes in writing?

- A. To make writing more descriptive and help readers understand ideas
- B. To make every statement literally true
- C. To eliminate descriptive language
- D. To make writing shorter

Part II – Identify the Figurative Language

Directions: Choose **SIMILE** or **METAPHOR** for each sentence below.

- 6. _____ The moon was a silver coin in the night sky.
- 7. _____ Her voice was as smooth as velvet.
- 8. _____ The students were busy bees during the project.
- 9. _____ The snow covered the ground like a white blanket.
- 10. _____ His words were daggers that hurt her feelings.
- 11. _____ The water was as cold as ice.
- 12. _____ The old house was a sleeping giant.
- 13. _____ The baby slept like a peaceful angel.

Part III – Understanding the Comparison

Directions: Identify what is being compared and explain the meaning of the figurative language.

14. "The classroom was a zoo."

What two things are being compared?

What does the metaphor suggest about the classroom?

15. "The athlete ran like a cheetah."

What two things are being compared?

What does the simile suggest about the athlete?

16. "Her words were arrows."

What two things are being compared?

What does the metaphor suggest about her words?

17. "The baby's cheeks were as soft as cotton."

What two things are being compared?

What quality does the simile emphasize?

Part IV – Literal or Figurative?

Directions: Write **L** for Literal or **F** for Figurative.

18. ____ The sun was a golden ball in the sky.
19. ____ The sun rose at 6:30 in the morning.
20. ____ Marcus is a rock when his friends need help.
21. ____ Tommy picked up a rock from the ground.
22. ____ The test was as easy as pie.
23. ____ She ate a slice of apple pie after dinner.
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Part V – Challenge: Explain the Meaning

Directions: Read each sentence and explain what the figurative language means.

28. "The city was a sleeping giant."

29. "Her determination was a fire that never went out."

30. "He was as nervous as a cat in a room full of rocking chairs."
