Language Arts

Literary Devices: Similes

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Instructions: Read and analyze each given simile. Pay attention to all details. Then after, write in the blank boxes the correct interpretation for each one. Example is given with number 1.

Just to remember, similes are not simple comparisons, they do not focus on equality. They compare two elements that are in many ways different. However, they give the idea of **like, or as.** Similes appears frequently in all types of writing, both formal and informal. Take for instance the following example and interpretation:

Simile 1: "It's a sad, sad state of affairs when Liberals campaign like Republicans to get elected, and Republicans govern like Liberals to be loved."

Source: Texas Governor Rick Perry. Literary Devices Workbook. Mr. Thomas, AP Language Fall Semester

Interpretation: Members of both political parties, the Republicans and Liberals, have compromised on, or disrespected their party principles for the sake of their political careers.

Now, it is your turn.

Explain what the idea or interpretation of similarity is in the following sentence. Number 1 is done for you.

Simile 2: Comparing sugar with a person.

He told her: "*Sugar is sweet, and so are you.*"

Interpretation:

Simile 3: Comparing sea waves with horses.

The waves pound the shore like furious horses galloping into battle.

Interpretation:

Simile 4: Comparing words with diamonds.

She told him: "Your words slice my heart as diamonds cut glass."

Interpretation:

Simile 5: Comparing a bear with a person.

As angry as a bear in a trap, the patient glowered at the committee of doctors.

Interpretation:

Simile 6: Comparing someone's smile with the sun.

Her smile is as bright as the sun.

Interpretation:

Simile: Definition and Examples. (2018, December 21). Retrieved October 18, 2020, from https://literaryterms.net/simile/

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