# Describing the Sun

#### Part A

'The sun is glowing red – really red. Red like a big pimple or those winter berries that gave Knotted Mane a stomach ache. Red like fresh blood.'

The author uses similes to add richer description and tell the reader what the sky looks like when it has been turned red by the sun.

Can you think of some other things that are red? Write your ideas in the box below. Some ideas have been added for you.

By adding details and interesting adjectives about the thing that is red, you can make the description more exciting for the reader. Your ideas do not have to be things that were around during the Stone Age!

#### Red

a ladybird sitting on a leaf

my sister's best winter coat

a glimmering snooker ball gliding across the table



### Helpful tips:

Which animals are red?

Which foods are red?

Is there anything red in your classroom?

Can you see anything red on the street?

Which festivals have some red things involved in them?

Now make your ideas into a poem, starting every line with 'Red is like...'

Red
Red is like a ladybird sitting on a leaf
Red is like
Red is like
Which is your favourite line in your poem? Why?

#### Part B

'I think the sun looks as angry as a girl who has to pluck duck feathers again.'

The author uses a simile to add richer description. The simile tells the reader what the sun looks as angry as. Can you think of other things that are angry, fierce or bright? Your ideas do not have to be things that were around during the Stone Age!

Now write a poem by making a list of different similes that describe how the sun looks. (Make sure you don't look directly at the sun, as this could hurt your eyes!)

You could use 'angry' or you could choose other adjectives.

E.g. The sun is as angry as a cat who cannot sit in his usual sunny spot.

The sun is as fierce as...

The sun is as bright as....

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Challenge Task *
Can you write some descriptive sentences, which include similes, about Dog?

## **Describing the Sun Answers**

#### Part A

Example answers:

#### Red

Red is like a lonely radish on my salad plate.

Red is like a vibrant firework in a Diwali sky.

Red is like a huge fire engine blaring down my road.

Red is like a shiny new pencil.

Red is like a large crab on a fishmonger's counter.

Red is like my favourite woolly jumper.

Red is like the shirt of my favourite team.

Red is like our classroom recycling bin.

My favourite line is the one about the firework, as I like the word 'vibrant' to describe how bright the firework is.

#### Part B

Example answer:

#### Sun

The sun is as angry as a snake with an injured tail.

The sun is as fierce as a cave lion in a fight.

The sun is as bright as all the lightbulbs in the world.

The sun is as angry as a girl with three lots of homework.

The sun is as fierce as an eagle swooping in to catch its prey.

The sun is as angry as a baby who has been woken from a lovely sleep.

The sun is as fierce as a great white shark.

### \* Challenge Task \*

Can you write some descriptive sentences, which include similes, about Dog?

Dog is as agile as a champion gymnast.

Dog is soft like a fluffy rug.

Dog is as strong as a mighty anaconda.

His teeth are sharp like flint edges.