

Metaphors

Identifying Metaphors

Similes and metaphors are very similar and can be easily mixed up. Below, are a mixture of similes and metaphors. Circle or highlight the metaphors only.

- a. Your eyes are sparkling diamonds.
- b. Life is like a box of chocolates.
- c. He is a shining star.
- d. Her voice was like an angel.
- e. You are like sunshine.
- f. The snow was a blanket on the world.
- g. He was as strong as Hercules.
- h. Their house was a castle.
- i. Dad was as tall as a giraffe.

Fill in the Blanks

Add a word to these sentences to create a metaphor.

- a. He's a _____ for picking on those kids.
- b. She was clothed in strength, grace, and _____.
- c. I was swimming in a sea of _____.
- d. My memory is a little _____.
- e. It's raining cats and _____.
- f. I was boiling with _____.

It's Your Call

Use your judgment to decide which word is the best choice to complete these metaphors. Think about which one creates the strongest image for a reader. Circle or highlight the word you chose.

- a. The mind is a machine/computer.
- b. We built a bridge/barrier to work together.
- c. They had to conquer a mountain/hill of work to achieve their goals.

d. Jason is a real pig/cat when he eats.

e. Mum is a rock/safety-net, I can always rely on her.

Have a Go

Have a go writing your own metaphors below. Remember a metaphor compares two things that are not alike, without using the words "like" or "as".

Metaphors Answers

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- a. He's a **monster** for picking on those kids.
- b. She was clothed in strength, grace, and **courage**.
- c. I was swimming in a sea of **sadness**.
- d. My memory is a little **foggy**.
- e. It's raining cats and **dogs**.
- f. I was boiling with **anger**.

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Teachers: these are just recommendations – use your judgement when marking students' work.

- a. The mind is a **machine**.
- b. We built a **bridge** to work together.
- c. They had to conquer a **mountain** of work to achieve their goals.
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