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Similes and Metaphors

Circle simile or metaphor. Then write what it means.

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The moon was a silver coin in the sky. simile metaphor

He was as stubborn as a mule. simile metaphor

The city was a jungle of tall buildings. simile metaphor

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Similes and Metaphors

Cut out the cards. Glue each one under simile or metaphor.

Similes: like or as	Metaphors: says one thing is another

Cut out the cards.

sings like an angel	as sharp as a tack	Her voice is music.
runs like the wind	His room is a jungle.	Time is a thief.
as cold as ice	The baby is an angel.	eats like a bird
Dad is a bear in the morning.	Her eyes were stars.	as gentle as a lamb

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Which two things are being compared? Write them.

Her heart was a drum.

Her words were as sharp as a knife.

The wind was a wolf howling at the door.

The lake was as smooth as glass.

My little brother is a busy beaver.

The road twisted like a snake.

The old man was as wise as an owl.

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Finish each simile with a word that makes sense. Any word that fits is right.

As white as _____

As sly as a _____

As sweet as _____

As strong as an _____

As fresh as a _____

As happy as a _____

As bright as a _____

As hard as a _____

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Similes and Metaphors

What does each one really mean? Circle it.

The thunder grumbled in the distance.

a. The thunder rumbled far away.
b. The old man knew a lot.
c. The road had many curves.

His kind words were a gift to the sad team.

a. The thunder rumbled far away.
b. His words made the team feel better.
c. The city was crowded with tall buildings.

The leaves danced in the wind.

a. Her heart beat hard and fast.
b. His words made the team feel better.
c. The leaves moved around in the wind.

I am so hungry I could eat a horse.

a. She remembers everything.
b. I am very hungry.
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Her memory is a steel trap.

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b. She had a big, happy smile.
c. The owl made no sound.

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Circle the kind of figurative language.

Simile: compares two things with like or as.
Metaphor: says one thing is another.
Personification: gives a thing human actions.
Hyperbole: stretches the truth a lot.

The library was a treasure chest of stories.

simile metaphor personification hyperbole

Her smile was as bright as the sun.

simile metaphor personification hyperbole

My alarm clock yelled at me this morning.

simile metaphor personification hyperbole

This backpack weighs a ton.

simile metaphor personification hyperbole

The sun smiled down on the beach.

simile metaphor personification hyperbole

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simile metaphor personification hyperbole

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simile
metaphor

One way: The rumor spread very fast.

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simile
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One way: The moon was round and shiny.

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simile
metaphor

One way: He would not change his mind.

The city was a jungle of tall buildings.

simile
metaphor

One way: The city was crowded with tall buildings.

Life is a roller coaster.

simile
metaphor

One way: Life has ups and downs.

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brother and beaver

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road and snake

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man and owl

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simile metaphor (personification) hyperbole

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simile metaphor personification (hyperbole)

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simile metaphor (personification) hyperbole

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(simile) metaphor personification hyperbole

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