



SIMILES AND METAPHORS

A **simile** is a comparison using the words *like* or *as*.

A **metaphor** is an implied comparison that does not use the words *like* or *as*.

Simile examples:

- Jenny's hair hung like a curtain in front of her face.
- The siblings gazed down at Colorado Springs far below. The city looked like a checkerboard of streets and highways.
- Frost coated the basket's railing like diamond dust.

Metaphor examples:

- The siblings watched Mr. Weber shrink to the size of a Lego figure.
- But this was no dream. This was a *nightmare!*
- Jenny wished that she could just stop remembering anything. Memories were a double-edged sword.

Your Turn!

Similes and metaphors are forms of figurative language. They add clarity and creativity to your writing. Practice writing similes and metaphors using the prompts below.

Similes

During the race, Jessica ran as fast as _____

The fireworks at the 4th of July celebration were as loud as _____

James lurched to a stop. His heart thumped like a _____
On the forest path directly in front of him lay a rattle snake.

Metaphors

The sun is _____
(Write a metaphor that communicates the sun's heat or brightness or intensity.)

Sarah is a _____
(Write a metaphor that communicates Sarah's athleticism or intelligence, or humor.)

Pumpkin pie is _____
(Write a metaphor that communicates pie's taste or looks or smell.)