

LITERARY ELEMENTS

What is a Simile?

A simile is a figure of speech that compares two things using the words LIKE or AS.

Similes are used to describe something.

Similes compare two things that are not alike but are similar in one particular way.

Authors use similes to make their writing more exciting.

Example:

Mitch ran like a rocket during the race and finished in first place.

'Mitch' and 'rocket' are being compared in this sentence.

Mitch is not
so fast dur

nce he ran



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What is a Metaphor?

A metaphor is a figure of speech that compares two things WITHOUT using words of comparison such as like or as.

Metaphors are also used to describe something.

Metaphors also compare two things that are not alike but are similar in one particular way.

Authors use metaphors to make their writing more exciting.

Example:

My brother is a pig. He ate the entire pizza all by himself.

'Brother' and 'pig' are being compared in the first sentence.

The brother is not really a pig but he is being compared to a pig since he ate so much pizza.

Try This!

What two things are being compared in these sentences?

Max climbed the tree like a monkey.

_____ and _____

Julia is as sweet as pie.

_____ and _____

McKenna is a giant.

_____ and _____

Tim was dead tired after running in the race.

_____ and _____



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