

Simile & Metaphor Super Sleuth!

Hi Phoebe! Get ready for a fun adventure into the world of words!

Materials Needed:

- Paper
- Pencil or Pen
- Colorful markers (optional)
- Your awesome brain!

Let's Go! (30 Minutes)

1. What are Similes and Metaphors? (5 mins)

Sometimes writers make descriptions more exciting by comparing things. That's called figurative language!

- A **Simile** compares two different things using the words 'like' or 'as'. Think: Simile sounds like 'similar'. Example: *The cloud was fluffy **like** cotton candy.* (Comparing cloud to cotton candy). *He is **as** brave **as** a lion.* (Comparing him to a lion).
- A **Metaphor** compares two different things by saying one thing **is** another thing. It's a direct comparison, without 'like' or 'as'. Example: *The classroom was a zoo!* (Comparing the classroom to a zoo, meaning it was wild and noisy). *Her smile is sunshine on a cloudy day.* (Comparing her smile to sunshine).

Can you see the difference? Similes use 'like' or 'as', metaphors don't!

2. Simile Sleuth! (10 mins)

Read these sentences. Is it a simile? Why or why not?

1. The night sky was like a velvet blanket sprinkled with diamonds.
2. My brother eats like a pig.
3. The internet is an information superhighway.
4. The cat's fur was soft.
5. She swims as gracefully as a swan.

(Answers: 1. Simile - uses 'like'. 2. Simile - uses 'like'. 3. Metaphor - direct comparison. 4. No - just a description. 5. Simile - uses 'as'.)

3. Metaphor Mission! (10 mins)

Now, find the metaphors! What two things are being compared?

1. The snow is a white blanket covering the town.
2. His heart is stone.
3. That boy runs fast.
4. She is a shining star on the stage.
5. Your brain is a computer.

(Answers: 1. Metaphor - snow/blanket. 2. Metaphor - heart/stone. 3. No - just a description. 4. Metaphor - she/star. 5. Metaphor - brain/computer.)

4. Creative Comparisons! (5 mins)

Your turn, Super Sleuth! Grab your paper and pencil.

- Write two similes (using 'like' or 'as').
- Write two metaphors (saying something **is** something else).

Be creative! Think about things you like or see around you.

Wrap-up: Great job today, Phoebe! You're officially a Simile and Metaphor Super Sleuth. Keep an eye out for similes and metaphors when you're reading!