

Max's Magical Metaphors and Similes

Learning objective: To identify and create similes and metaphors to describe people, objects, and feelings.

Max the monkey is helping his friends describe the world around them. A simile compares two things using 'like' or 'as' (e.g., as brave as a lion). A metaphor says one thing IS another thing to describe it (e.g., the stars are diamonds in the night sky). Read the sentences below and decide if they are a Simile or a Metaphor. Then, complete the challenge in the questions section.

Word bank: Simile · Metaphor

1. 1. 'Pip the caterpillar is as busy as a bee.' Is this a simile or a metaphor? Explain how you know. (2 marks)

2. 2. 'Nova's eyes are glowing lanterns in the dark.' Is this a simile or a metaphor? Why? (2 marks)

3. 3. 'The classroom was a zoo during art time.' Change this metaphor into a simile. (2 marks)

4. 4. Write your own simile to describe how fast a cheetah runs. (2 marks)

5. 5. Write your own metaphor to describe a rainy day. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Ellie the elephant. In your drawing, include a speech bubble where she says a simile about her trunk and a metaphor about her favourite book.



Extension challenge: Choose an object in your classroom. Write one sentence about it using a simile and one sentence about it using a metaphor. Share these with a partner and see if they can identify which is which!