

Creative Language with Max and Zara

Learning objective: To identify and use similes and metaphors to describe objects and emotions.

Read each question carefully. Use your imagination to create bright, colourful, and interesting sentences. Remember: a simile uses 'like' or 'as', while a metaphor says something 'is' something else.

Max the monkey is looking at a pile of colourful fruit, and Zara the zebra is painting a picture of the sunset. They are using special language to make their descriptions come alive!

Word bank: Simile · Metaphor · Comparison · Vivid · Description

1. Max says, 'The orange is as round as a ball.' Is this a simile or a metaphor? Explain how you know. (2 marks)

2. Zara paints the sky and says, 'The sun is a golden coin in the sky.' Is this a simile or a metaphor? Why did she choose the word 'is'? (2 marks)

3. Write your own simile to describe how fast Max the monkey can climb a tree. (1 mark)

4. Change this sentence into a metaphor: 'The river was like a silver ribbon.' (1 mark)

5. Zara is painting a rainy day. Write a sentence using a simile to describe the raindrops. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting under a tree that you have described using a metaphor (e.g., 'The tree is a giant umbrella'). Label your metaphor clearly on the page.



Extension challenge: Choose an object in your classroom or at home. Write one simile and one metaphor to describe it. Which one do you think creates a better picture in the reader's mind and why?