

Max's Magnificent Metaphor and Simile Workshop

Learning objective: To identify and use figurative language, specifically similes and metaphors, to describe a character or setting.

Help Max the monkey practise his descriptive writing! Use the template below to create your own vivid descriptions. A simile compares two things using 'like' or 'as', while a metaphor says something 'is' something else. Remember to use the word bank to help you build your sentences.

Word bank: shimmering · as brave as · velvet · a shining star · as quick as · a gentle breeze · dazzling · like a roaring fire

1. Character Simile: Choose a character (like Pip or Leo) and describe their movement using a simile. For example: 'Leo moved as quiet as a shadow.' (2 marks)

2. Setting Metaphor: Describe a place, such as a forest or a beach, using a metaphor. For example: 'The forest is a green blanket over the earth.' (2 marks)

3. Object Description: Pick an object you find in your school bag and write a sentence comparing it to something else using 'like'. (2 marks)

4. The Big Reveal: Write a short paragraph describing Max the monkey using at least one metaphor and one simile. (4 marks)

5. Check your work: Can you underline the word 'like' or 'as' in your similes, and circle the object your metaphor is describing? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Try to write a 'double-whammy' sentence that includes both a simile and a metaphor about a delicious piece of fruit.