

Sheet 10: Comparing Poetry Themes

Worked example:

Read Poem A: 'The golden sun sinks low, painting the sky in violet hues.' What is the theme? A) The beach
B) Sunset. Answer: B) Sunset.

Answer: B) Sunset

- **Read Poem 1 by Pip: 'The forest floor is a velvet rug of green, where tiny shadows play, hidden and unseen.' Read Poem 2 by Leo: 'The mountain peak stands tall and proud, reaching up to touch the passing cloud.' Which poem focuses on the ground/low level?**

Poem 1 Poem 2

- **Look at the poems above. Which word in Poem 1 tells us what the forest floor is being compared to?**
- **What is the common theme shared by both poems?**
- **Match the poetic technique to the description:**

Metaphor: The forest is a rug Personification: The mountain is proud

- **If you were writing a poem about the ocean, would you use words like 'vast' and 'blue' or 'dry' and 'dusty'?**

Self-check: Check your answers against the answer key; ensure you identified that both poems describe nature through imagery.

Ready for next: Once you can identify themes and metaphors in poetry, you are ready to analyze facts and opinions in newspaper articles.