

L.O. To understand metaphors, similes and personification and how an author may use them to provoke reactions.

Similes

Similes describe something by comparing one thing to another, always using like, or as.

The children crept, quietly as mice.

The stars sparkled like diamonds in the sky.

The engine roared like a lion.

The wind howled as if it were an angry wolf.

Now, try writing your own to describe a storm...

Metaphors

Metaphors describe something by saying it is something else, without using like or as.

The children were silent mice.

The King was a furious lion.

The trees were a prison, trapping the boy.

The stars were diamonds twinkling in the sky.

Now, try writing your own to describe a storm...

Personification

Personification describes something by giving it a human feature.

The ship shivered at the bottom of the sea..

The grass tickled her ankles as she walked.

The sun hid silently behind a hug grey cloud.

The wind dashed silently through the alleyways.

Now, try writing your own to describe a storm...

Challenge time...

Is this a simile, a metaphor or personification?

The sun was a golden ball in the sky.

Simile

Metaphor

Personification

Brilliant!

You're right...

A metaphor says that something is something else.

Let's move on...

Challenge time...

Is this a simile, a metaphor or personification?

The snow shimmered like glitter.

Simile

Metaphor

Personification

Brilliant!

You're right...

A simile compares one thing to another using like or as.

Let's try the next one...

Challenge time...

Is this a simile, a metaphor or personification?

The boy was a fierce tiger, prowling through the forest.

Simile

Metaphor

Personification

Brilliant!

You're right...

A metaphor says that something is something else.

Let's move on...

Challenge time...

Is this a simile, a metaphor or personification?

The branches clung on to the girl, refusing to let go.

Simile

Metaphor

Personification

Brilliant!

You're right...

Personification is giving human like features to an object.

Now, you're going to have a go at some more by yourselves...

Ok, now let's move on...

Think about how each of these sentences make you feel:

The car was loud.

The car's engine roared like an angry tiger.

Which was most interesting?

Which helped you to build a picture in your mind?

And finally, these two...

The children tiptoed quietly.

The children tiptoed, creeping through the house like tiny mice.

Which was most interesting?

Which helped you to build a picture in your mind?

Let's think about an author...

They write stories for their readers to enjoy, and their readers are going to enjoy their story if the book makes them experience feelings; happiness, sadness, being scared, being shocked. The author will use their descriptions to make the reader experience these feelings and reactions.

Oops!

Let's recap...

Remember, a simile contains like or as.

A metaphor says that something is something else.

Personification gives something human features.



