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Similes and Metaphors

Teaching

You can paint strong word pictures by comparing two things that share some qualities. A **simile** is a comparison of two things that have some quality in common. A simile contains a word such as *like*, *as*, *resembles*, or *than*. A **metaphor** is a comparison of two things that does not use *like*, *as*, *resembles*, or *than*. Instead, it states that one thing actually is something else.

When my brother makes dinner, the kitchen looks **like** a battleground. (*simile*)

The sink, filled with dirty dishes, is as crowded and messy **as** a junkyard. (*simile*)

The countertops are a nightmare of stains, spills, and potato peelings. (*metaphor*)

Comparison	Characteristics	Things Compared
Simile	With <i>like</i> , <i>as</i> , <i>resembles</i> , or <i>than</i>	kitchen / battleground; sink / junkyard
Metaphor	Without <i>like</i> , <i>as</i> , <i>resembles</i> , or <i>than</i>	countertops / nightmare

A. Identifying Similes and Metaphors

Underline the two items being compared in each sentence. Then write **S** if the comparison is a simile and **M** if it is a metaphor.

- _____ 1. The rain felt like small kisses on Rosemary's face.
- _____ 2. The moon was a ball of green cheese.
- _____ 3. My cousin's baby is a perpetual motion machine.
- _____ 4. When Evan blushes, his round face resembles a stop sign.
- _____ 5. The news was more shocking than a thousand volts of electricity.
- _____ 6. "An increase in my allowance is as necessary as carrying water in the desert," Sarah argued.
- _____ 7. When he slam-dunks a basketball, Rich is a pouncing leopard.
- _____ 8. The fabric was darker than a moonless night.
- _____ 9. The audience watching the movie was like a zooful of noisy animals.
- _____ 10. An ocean of clothes tumbled out of the closet when I opened it.