

PREVIEW

Several of the pages in this resource were designed to be used during a whole class lesson AND for a poetry literacy center. These pages also serve as a companion to the Power Point Slideshow lesson included.

What Is a Simile?

A **simile** is a comparison of two things using words **like** or **as** in the comparison.

Examples:

These mashed potatoes look as fluffy as w
clouds.

Keisha ran like a cheetah in today's race

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Writing Similes & Metaphors in Poetry

Many poets use similes and metaphors in their writing to create more interesting descriptions.

Simile and Metaphor Poetry can be serious or funny. These poems can also rhyme, but rhyming words aren't always included. The focus is to include comparisons by using similes and metaphors.

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Name _____ Date _____

Find the Similes

Directions: Read the poem below. Underline each simile you find in the poem.

My World, My Home

My world is flat like a piece of paper that I just took out of the pack.



No, I take that back!

My world is as round as a beach ball sliding across the swimming pool.



No, wait—that's not very cool!

My world is cozy like my favorite blanket, in my favorite chair—always there when I feel alone.



Yes, my world is as perfect as my home!



1. Write at least two things being compared in this poem.

What Is a Metaphor?

A **metaphor** makes a direct comparison between two things **without** using the words like or c

Simile & Metaphor Poem Example

Title: As Good As New

Written by Tanya Marshall

Name _____ Date _____

Find the Metaphors

Directions: Read the poem below. Underline each metaphor you find in the poem.



Blue



The little ole' blue truck was a heap of rusty metal with windows that were ice ponds.

It didn't bother me none. Blue and I were two peas in a pod!

Every time I would crank it, the engine fired off louder than a gun. Man! We had so much fun.

On our rides together, I saw flowers in the field that were rare jewels on scrawny stems.

Blue's brakes would whistle at 'em.

My, my...those were the good ole' days with my little ole' blue truck. Blue. What am I gonna do without you?

heart beats again, fresh like the dew
e point in time, I thought I was thro
adness was once a blanket around
ife was darkness—I could not see.
ow, each day shines as bright as rut
ly smile so wide like the seven seas.
As good as new, yep—that's me!

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Writing with Similes & Metaphors

Directions: Rewrite each sentence or beginning phrase below to make it sound more interesting. On line A, rewrite it as a simile. On line B, rewrite it as a metaphor.

1- The skunk smelled

A. _____

B. _____

2- The students ran

A. _____

B. _____

3- My stomach growled

A. _____

B. _____

4- The baby was

A. _____

B. _____

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Different
Simile &
Metaphor
Poem
examples
included

This is just a sample of the full resource. More pages are included than what's shown here.

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Name: _____ Poem Title: _____

Simile & Metaphor Poem	Below Expectations 14 Pts. each	On Expectations 17 Pts. each	Above Expectations 20 Pts. each
Prewriting	Did not complete the brainstorming charts, rough drafts, and other prewriting work.	Completed most of the brainstorming charts, rough drafts, and other prewriting work.	Completed all the brainstorming charts, rough drafts, and other prewriting work.
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Metaphors			
TOTAL			
COMMENTS			

Simile & Metaphor Exit Slip-Lesson 1

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Circle simile or metaphor for each sentence below.

- 1—My hair is as flat as a pancake. simile metaphor
- 2—He just sits there like a bump on a log. simile metaphor
- 3—Those clouds were marshmallows. simile metaphor
- 4—The moon was a silver dollar. simile metaphor
- 5—This wasp is a flying torpedo. simile metaphor
- 6—My bread is as hard as a rock. simile metaphor

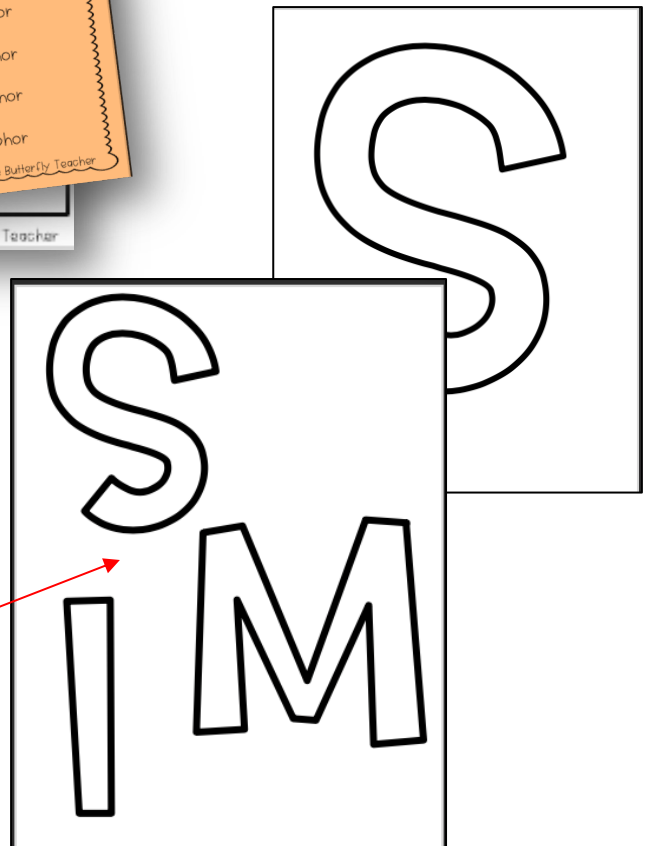
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The rubric included in this set allows you to assess students' simile & metaphor poems.

The Included Exit Tickets also provide quick assessment practice.

I also included two sizes of printable letters for you to use on a Simile & Metaphor Poetry bulletin board display.

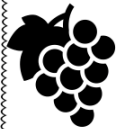
I included a sample of these letters for free at the end of this preview for you to test on your board.



TEACHER'S GUIDE TO USING THIS RESOURCE:

20 Simile & Metaphor Poetry writing prompts are included on task cards. These can also be used for poetry / literacy centers.

Write a poem about your favorite food using similes & metaphors.



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Write a poem about your favorite **COLOR** that includes similes & metaphors.

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Write a poem about what it's like to be your age using similes & metaphors.



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Write a poem about any topic with 5 similes and 5 metaphors.

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This resource has a Power Point lesson slideshow to help you introduce simile & metaphor poems to your students.

You can rearrange the slides if you want them to appear in a different order. Just drag and drop the slides in the order you prefer.

Each slide is fixed and cannot be edited. If you do not want your students to see certain slides, just delete that slide.

LET'S READ TOGETHER
Look for similes as we read.

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TEACHER NOTES: Ask students to give examples of things from the poem that are being compared with each other. ANSWER KEY PROVIDED in the writing set. Remind your students that similes DO use like or as.

There are additional teacher directions in the NOTES box of most slides. Your students will not be able to see these notes once you put the lesson in Present mode.

Simile & Metaphor Poetry Unit-At-a-Glance

Lesson 1

Simile & Metaphor Introduction

Essential Questions:

- What are similes?
- What are metaphors?

Students Will Learn:

- how to identify similes and metaphors in poems.

Student Activities:

- Read different poems and locate the similes and metaphors in each one.

Lesson 2

Simile & Metaphor Comprehension

Essential Questions:

- Why do poets use similes and metaphors in poetry?

Students Will Learn:

- how poets use similes and metaphors to help the reader create mental images.

Student Activities:

- Change simple phrases into similes and metaphors.
- Analyze similes and metaphors in different poems.

Lesson 3

Simile & Metaphor Writing

Essential Questions:

- How can I use similes and metaphors to write my own poetry?

Students Will Learn:

- how to write their own simile and metaphor poems.

Student Activities:

- Practice writing a with the teacher.
- Use graphic organizers and prompts to write independently.

Simile & Metaphor Lesson 2: Comprehension

Essential Questions:

- Why do poets use similes and metaphors in poetry?

Materials Needed:

- S & M* Power Point Lesson
- Student Pages 6 – 9
- Website Link to Free S & M* Poems

Mini Lesson:

This is a sample teacher script that can be modified based on your preferences.

"Can someone name the type of poem we learned about yesterday? Yes, and what is the difference between similes and metaphors?"

Call on students to give their opinions/answers.

"Today we are going to read different poems with similes and metaphors to find out why poets use this type of figurative language in their writing. We are also going to read each poem closely to comprehend the full meaning of each one. You will follow along with me again. By the end of this lesson, you need to be able to change simple phrases into similes or metaphors."

Student Activities:

Students will follow along with you for Slides 10 to 14 on the S & M* Power Point Lesson. *(Additional teacher directions are available in the NOTES box of most slides.)*

Then they will complete their S & M* Student work pages 7-8 (along with free poems from the links provided) with a partner or independently. They can also complete these activities with you for an extended whole class lesson.

Lesson Closing:

Students can complete the Lesson 2 Simile and Metaphor Exit Slip OR you can show the exit slip through your projector (Slides 15 & 16) for students to write their answers on individual whiteboards. *(if you want to save paper)*

Intervention Ideas:

Students who struggle with comprehending

Extension Ideas:

Students who catch on quickly to

Lesson Plans Included + Teaching Tips for the Lesson Slideshow

Simile & Metaphor Poem: Revising and Proofreading Checklist

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Writing Your Own Poem—Similes: Planning Page

Write as many comparisons as you can using like or as. See the example that's been done for you.

First Comparison Word

Example: road—as slippery as

Second Comparison Word

Example: ice

Different planning pages are included to help your students write their own similes and metaphors in poetry.

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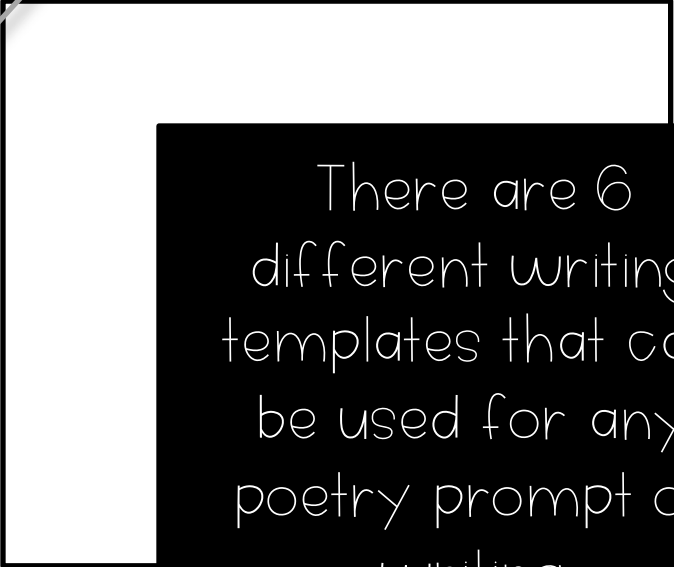
2. In your own words, describe what the simile means.

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TEACHER TIP: If you're students are familiar with similes, have them to point out the examples of it in the poem.

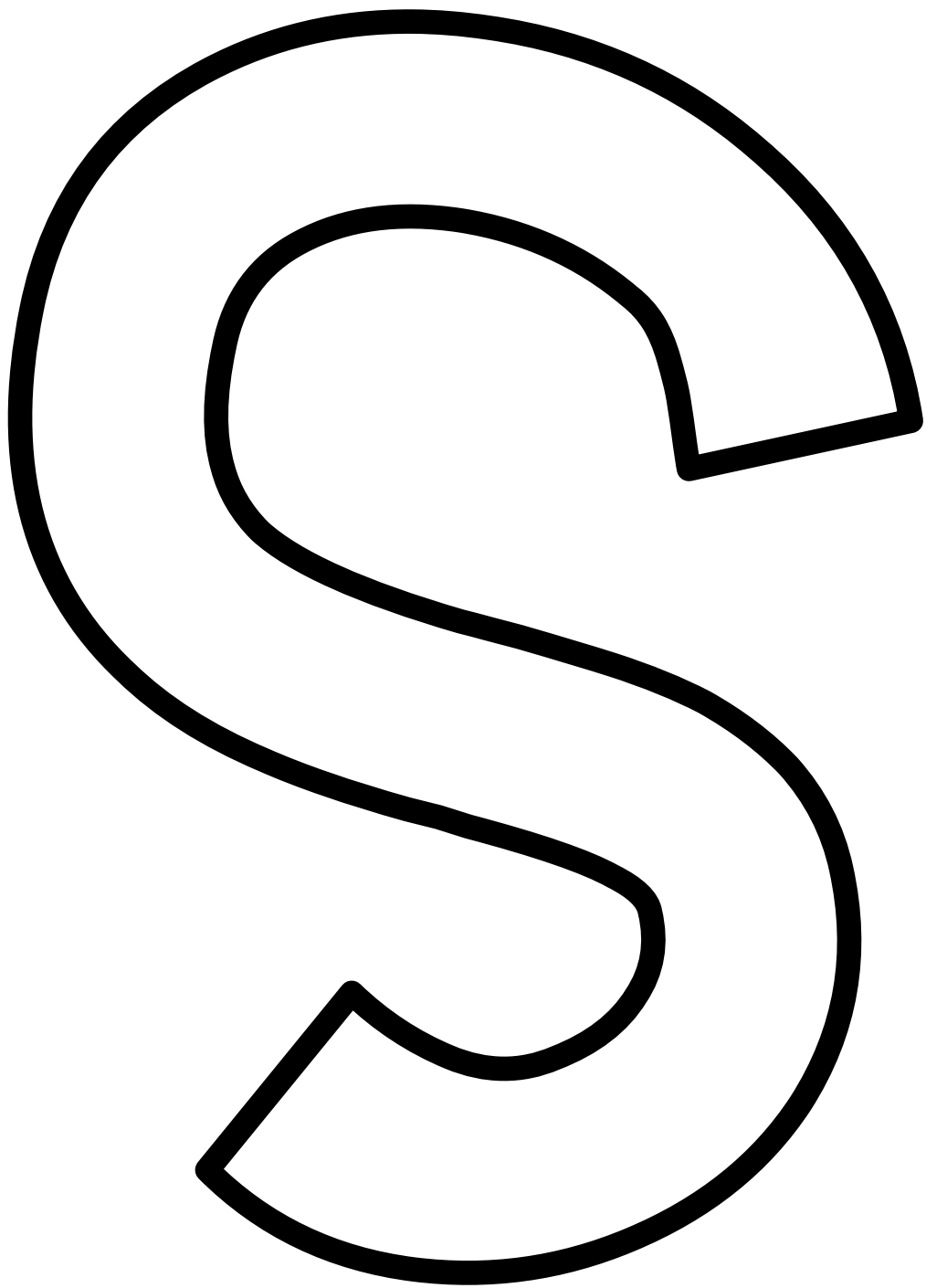
There are Answer Keys for every Simile and Metaphor practice page included.





There are 6
different writing
templates that can
be used for any
poetry prompt or
writing
assignment.

Written By _____



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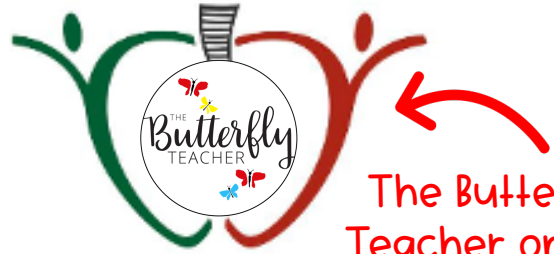
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