Metaphor

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A **metaphor** is a figure of speech that describes an object or action in a way that isn't literally true, but helps explain an idea or make a comparison.

Writers use *metaphor* to add color and emphasis to what they are trying to express.



<u>a sea of knowledge</u>



"knowledge" and "the sea" are not literally related they are figuratively related because they are both things that are difficult to measure.

By putting them together, you can accentuate <u>how vast a</u> <u>person's knowledge is</u>.







a sunny smile

1 to purr with delight



iron nerves







Every metaphorical word or phrase contains a **'key idea'.** This is the connection or similarity between the literal meaning and the metaphorical meaning.

She **flew** past me on her bicycle.

Turing was the father of the modern computer.



✤ He gave me a cold Look.

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The *same key idea* is expressed in several different words and phrases.



A good diet will help your body fight disease.

The virus attacks the Peter's immune system, that's why he takes pills.

✓ Jean has finally recovered after a long **battle** with cancer.

The key idea in this case is that trying to recover from an illness is like **fighting a war**, and many of the words and phrases that we use for talking about illness express this idea.



All religions, arts, and sciences are branches of the same tree. (Albert Einstein)

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EXAMPLE 2

But soft, what light through yonder window breaks? It is the east, and Juliet is the sun! (William Shakespeare – Romeo & Juliet)

EXAMPLE 3

All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players. (William Shakespeare)



Вильям Шекспир: Весь мир – театр, а люди в нем актеры.....



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She was a rock star at our last

business presentation.



EXAMPLE 5

As his unusual emotions subsided, these misgivings melted away.

Когда его необычные эмоции улеглись, эти опасения улетучились.



Metaphor

often used in speech

- floods of tears
- a ray of hope

trite

- a flight of imagination
- mouth of river
- leg of table
- bottle's neck

genuine (unique)

rarely used in speech

TOT

- Cloud Atlas" (David Mitchell) (<u>cloud</u> outer shell, a body that our soul takes after rebirth, and the <u>atlas</u> - human nature)
- "The silence continued to transmit messages between them." (Anais Nin "A Spy in the House of Love") - <u>silence tells more than words</u>
- "How sweet life was. She was swimming in warmth and in light, floating on cotton." (Anais Nin "The Fear of Nice") - <u>a hero takes pleasure of</u> life

• Metaphor denotes transference of meaning based on resemblance, in other words, on a covert comparison.

• It equates those two things not because they actually are the same, but for the comparison.

• Not only objects can be compared in a metaphor, but also phenomena, actions and qualities.

• Metaphors are used in poetry, literature, and anytime someone wants <u>to add some color</u> to their language.



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Metaphors do not use words such as "like" or "as" to make comparisons. The writer or speaker relates the two unrelated things that are not actually the same, and the audience understands that it's a comparison, not a literal equation.

EXAMPLE 1

Metaphor: All the world's a stage.

Simile: All the world is like a stage.

EXAMPLE 2

Metaphor: That man is an animal.

Simile: He behaves like an animal.



TEST

- 1. Which is the best definition of a metaphor?
- a) It`s a device used in poetry
- b) It describes something in a way that isn`t literally true for symbolic effect
- c) it's a simple adjective needed to describe phenomena, events and actions
 - 2. What metaphor can be used to show how vast a person's knowledge is?
- d) a sea of knowledge
- e) to purr with knowledge
- f) iron knowledge

- 3. Which phrases from the list below are metaphors?
- a) she has golden hair
- b) he has a sunny smile
- c) she is thin as cypress
- d) he has a cold look
- e) she's very beautiful
- f) he is helpless as a child
- g) he is quite attractive
- h) he behaves like an animal
- i) love is a battlefield

4. In which sentence there is a key idea to fight the disease?

- a) Jean was hospitalized after a longbattle in the ring.
- b) John **attacked** a criminal escaping from the police
- c) both sentences
- d) there is no right answer

5. The metaphor "he broke my heart" means...

- a) your heart is literally broken
- b) feeling of hurt and sadness
- c) your heart isn't literally broken

6. Are simile and metaphor the same thing?

- a) No, metaphors do not use words such as "like" or "as"
- b) Yes, they have no differences
- c) No, they differ only in their names
- d) Yes, metaphors use words such as "like" or "as"

Match the sentences with the key ideas on the right. Translate the sentences.

She is at the **peak** of her career.

- It was a real **battle of wits**.
- I've got a **window** on Friday afternoon: I could see you then.
- The facts only **came to light** after a long investigation.
- He tried **to camouflage** his true feelings.
- Their new album **climbed** to second position in the charts.
- We **did battle** with the council about the plans.
- Let me know if you **dig up** anything about him.
- John is a real **pig** when he eats.

* seven senter tes are possible for one word

Untidiness

Success

Keep secret

Free time

Dispute

Discover

Create a metaphor using images as a key idea.

stone

- Life is a ... highway
- Her eyes were ... diamonds
- You are the ... in my life.
- Am I ... to a brick wall? talking
- □ She has a heart of ...









Choose the best word for each sentence. Translate.

- 1. I'm drowning in a ... of grief.
- 2. Time is a
- 3. My boyfriend is my ... in shining armor.
- 4. ... is on the horizon.
- 5. Her ... cut deeper than a knife.
- 6. My brother was ... mad.
- 7. The assignment was a
- 8. It's going to be clear ... from now on.
- 9. Her ... is music to his ears.
- 10. ... are a storm, unexpected.
- 11. Your friend George is just a big....
- 12. I'm not an..., but I wouldn't behave like that.
- 13. You are my ... angel.
- 14. She felt ... in her stomach when he kissed her.

Knight Sea Guardian Voice Hope Thief Baby Words Boiling Skies **Butterflies** Thoughts Angel



Find a metaphor in a poem.

Hope

Hope is the thing with feathers That perches in the soul, And sings the tune-without the words, And never stops at all, And sweetest in the gale is heard; And sore must be the storm That could abash the little bird That kept so many warm. "I've heard it in the chillest land. And on the strangest sea; Yet, never, in extremity, It asked a crumb of me."

Надежда – птаха ралая В душе моей поре Без слов одну мелодию Твердить не устаёт.

Сладчайшая мелодия В свирепый, грозный шторм Так щедро души многие Окутала теплом.

Я песню эту слышала В промозглой тусклой мгле И в море, мне неведомом, И на чужой земле.

Жесток, кто может напугать, Встревожить, невзлюбя, Ту, что не просит никогда Ни крошки для себя.

-Emily Dickinson

Ed Sheeran Perfect



Baby, I'm dancing in the dark, with you between my arms Barefoot on the grass, listening to our favorite song When I saw you in that dress, looking so beautiful I don't deserve this, darling, you look perfect tonight

Baby, I'm dancing in the dark, with you between my arms Barefoot on the grass, listening to our favorite song I have faith in what I see Now I know I have met an angel in person And she looks perfect, no I don't deserve this You look perfect tonight



