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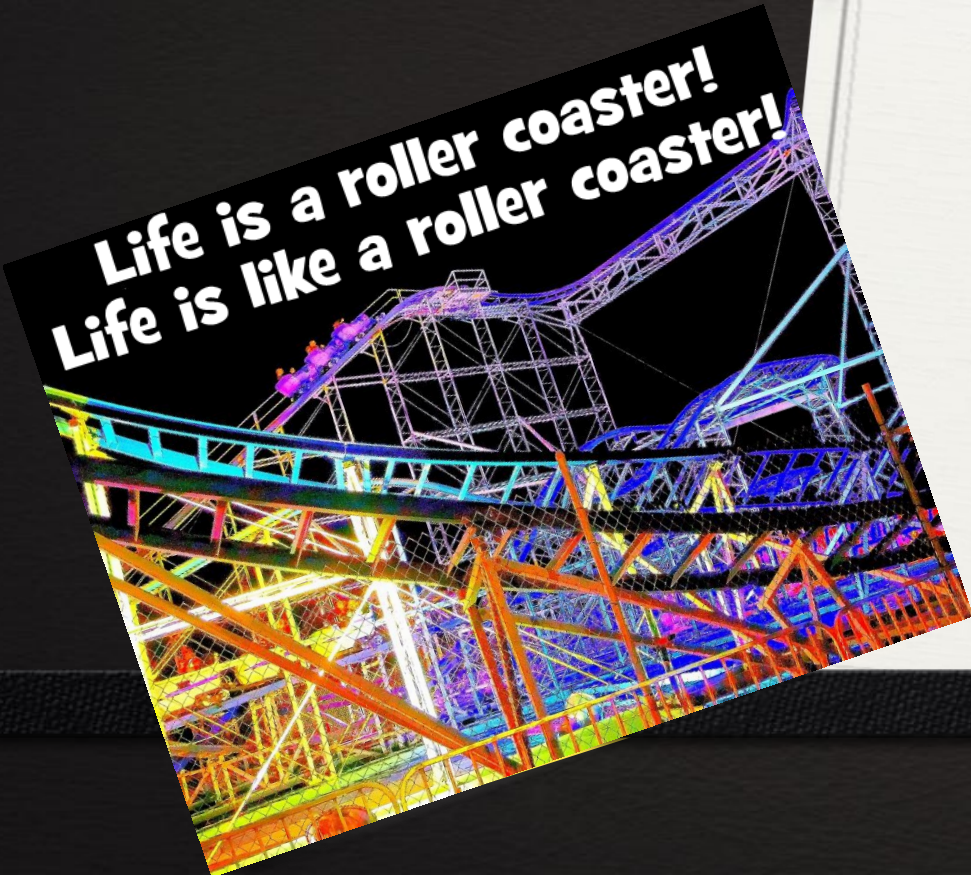
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Similes and Metaphors

What are Similes and Metaphors?

Similes and metaphors share some common traits ...



- Both are literacy devices that serve to create vivid imagery in literary texts.
- Both are used to make comparisons.
- Both often connect two items which might not otherwise be connected.

What are Similes?

**She felt *as*
warm *as* toast.**



What are Similes?

➤ **A simile is a figure of speech that makes a comparison, showing similarities between two different things.**

➤ A simile is a direct comparison and uses the word 'like' or 'as' in the comparison.

**The boy ran *like*
the wind.**



What are Metaphors?

This metaphor says that the exam **was a walk in the park. It implies that the exam was as stress free as a walk in the park. It was easy!**

The exam **was a walk in the park.**



- **A metaphor also makes comparisons between objects. However, a metaphor does not include the words 'like' or 'as' in the comparison.**
- **Metaphors are more subtle than similes. In a metaphor the words 'is' or 'was' are often used.**

What are Metaphors?

**Life is a
rollercoaster!**



This metaphor compares life with a rollercoaster. It says life **is** a roller coaster. It has its ups and downs and can be scary and yet exciting. Much is conveyed in a few words.

The difference between similes and metaphors can be shown by similar lyrics from two different songs.

Life is a Highway.
This is a metaphor. The words 'like' or 'as' are not used.

"Life is a Highway" (Tom Cochrane)

My heart is **like** an open highway. This is a simile. The word 'like' is used in direct comparison.

"My heart is like an open highway"
(Bon Jovi)



Why Use Similes and Metaphors?

This simile is from “The Highwayman” by Alfred Noyes.

The hours crawled
by **like** years.



- **Metaphors can be used to describe abstract ideas.**
- **Similes and metaphors make texts more interesting and engaging for the reader or listener. They paint a vivid picture in the mind.**

“The Highwayman” by Alfred Noyes contains a metaphor and two similes in the same verse. Can you identify them?



**“His eyes were hollows of madness,
His hair like mouldy hay.
But he loved the landlord’s daughter,
The landlord’s red-lipped daughter.
Dumb as a dog he listened,
And he heard the robber say.”**

“The Highwayman” by Alfred Noyes

“His eyes were “hollows of madness” is a metaphor. “Hair like mouldy hay” and “dumb as a dog” are similes.



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Create a simile and a metaphor for ...



happiness