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Activity 2: Write a description of yourself using similes and metaphors



This picture and description are from a book called "Auntie Luce's Talking Paintings".

Listen to the story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hOYN5X36EM>

Read the first page of the story where the author describes the main character. Does she use any similes or metaphors?

In my mother's bedroom, behind the family pictures and the jar that holds her wedding-day flowers, a painting sits on a shelf. It's a painting of me, my eyes almost closed, like I'm dreaming. My braids hung like coal-coloured ropes. My face fills the frame so big and so close that if you look long enough, it starts to look like a whole land of brown hills melting into yellow valleys melting into red riverbeds, and even the rivers' silver light running smooth over the rocks.

Think about what you look like and write a description of yourself. Add as much detail as you can and make sure to add some similes and metaphors. Look at the vocabulary on the next page for ideas.

Height	tall, short, medium height, average height	<i>Are you as tall as a..?</i>
Face	round, oval, freckles, narrow, long	<i>What shape does your face look like?</i>
Eyes	big, small, round, narrow, bright, blue, brown, black, green, hazel	<i>What do they remind you of?</i>
Hair	straight, curly, spiky, wavy, frizzy, long, short, black, brown, blonde, red, shaggy	<i>Is it similar to another material or shape?</i>
Skin	pale, dark, light, brown, beige, rosy	<i>Can you picture a landscape that has similar colours?</i>
Lips	curved, full, thin	<i>Look closely...are they like an animal... or the colour of a food or something in the garden?</i>