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Activity 1: Similes and Metaphors

Authors use similes and metaphors to make their writing more interesting and to help paint a picture in the readers' minds.

A **metaphor** is a word or a phrase used to describe something as if it were something else:

- For example, "A wave of terror washed over him." The terror isn't actually a wave, but a wave is a good way of describing the feeling.
- "Jess is dynamite." She's not made of dynamite, but it's a way to explain how exciting she is.

A **simile** describes something by comparing it to something else, using like or as:

- The snake moved like a ripple on a pond.
- It was as slippery as an eel.
- Jess is as graceful as a gazelle.

Watch this video on BBC Bitesize to learn more:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfkk7ty/articles/z9tkxfr>

Read the sentences below and decide whether they are similes or metaphors.

1. I wandered as lonely as a cloud.
2. Education is your passport to a good job.
3. The moon's a balloon.
4. The moon's like a balloon.
5. His eyes shone like diamonds.
6. The sea is a mirror to the clouds.
7. Darkness is a swallowed night.
8. The wind was a whip.



Challenge: Write your own metaphor and simile