



HOME LEARNING

Subject: English

Time to complete: 1 hour

Learning Objective: use descriptive language

Starter: Similes and metaphors are used to describe things and add interest to writing. You will have heard the phrase “they were as *quick as a flash*” which uses a simile comparing a person to describe how fast they were moving. “They were my sunshine on a cloudy day” is a metaphor; the person being described wasn’t an actual sun but the comparison is being made to describe them.

Match up the two parts of these well-known similes

As big as
As cold as
As hard as
As flat as
As light as
As mad as
As good as
As slippery as
As dark as

nails
an elephant
a hatter
a pancake
ice
night
a feather
gold
an eel

Task1: evaluating and improving vocabulary choices

Choose 5 of the similes above and improve them using your own comparisons. It is easy to compare people to animals but can you think of other objects to use in your similes? You could also extend the sentences with an interesting sentence starter.

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Task2: understanding metaphors

Read this excerpt from The Highwayman and answer as many questions as you can.

'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes

The wind was a torrent of darkness among the gusty trees,
The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas,
The road was a ribbon of moonlight over the purple moor,
And the highwayman came riding-
Riding - riding -
The highwayman came riding, up to the old inn-door.

1. Underline the metaphors in the poem. How many are there? _____
2. What does the writer compare to a ghostly galleon? _____

3. Use a dictionary - what does 'inn' mean? _____

4. Where did the Highwayman stop? _____

5. Which metaphor do you think is most effective? _____

6. Describe the setting, based on the verse you have read here. _____

7. How do you think metaphors help you to understand the scene? _____

8. What do phrases such as 'riding-riding-riding' tell you about the Highwayman? _____

Save your work:

If you are using a computer, open a blank document to do your work (you can use Word or Publisher). Don't forget to SAVE it with your name, the lesson you are doing and the date.

For example: T.Smith Maths 8 April

If you would like us to see or mark your work please email it or send a photo of your completed work to me at gmonk@glebe.bromley.sch.uk

Thank you