

# METAPHOR

A metaphor is the comparison of two things that are usually very different, but alike in at least one way. Writers use metaphors to describe something and let the reader discover the way the things are alike.

**Example:** Her hair was a waterfall of gold.

The writer is comparing two things: hair and a waterfall. There are many ways hair is different from a waterfall. Hair is made up of solid strands, while a waterfall is made up of liquid drops. There are ways that they are similar. Hair sometimes moves or shines like a waterfall. This metaphor puts a picture in the reader's mind. It tells more than simply saying "Her hair was shiny."

## How Are They Alike?

*In the following sentence write the two things being compared and one way they are alike.*

My sister is a bear in the morning.

1. sister                      2. bear

One way they are alike: They both can be grumpy, sleepy, mean, etc.

The clouds were marshmallows in the sky.

1. clouds                      2. marshmallows

One way they are alike: They both can be white, fluffy, soft, etc.

The tree's branches were arms, grabbing at Dorothy.

1. branches                      2. (human) arms

One way they are alike: They both can be long, thin, scary

## Make a Metaphor

One word in the sentence is underlined. Write a word in the blank that will make the sentence a metaphor. Remember, the two things must be different in most ways, but alike in at least one way.

### Examples of correct answers:

The flowers were jewels in the garden.

His eyes were basketballs when he was scared.

My sweet cat is a monster at night.

## Word Search

Circle each of the words on the list in the puzzle. Words can go up, down, backwards or diagonally.

I	U	I	E	Z	Q	S	R	U	<b>WORDS</b>
I	P	I	X	A	H	O	W	R	METAPHOR
Z	E	I	L	Y	H	Q	R	T	ALIKE
E	G	I	C	P	W	S	I	K	DIFFERENT
J	K	I	A	T	D	X	T	R	COMPARE
E	D	T	T	I	U	V	E	R	WORDS
I	E	E	W	D	N	R	R	H	WRITER
M	S	D	R	O	W	T	E	Z	PICTURE
C	O	M	P	A	R	E	X	T	
Z	X	J	Q	Q	C	Q	P	N	