

# Metaphors and Similes

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## Meet Tennyson the Turtle.

He enjoys using metaphors and similes when telling tales.

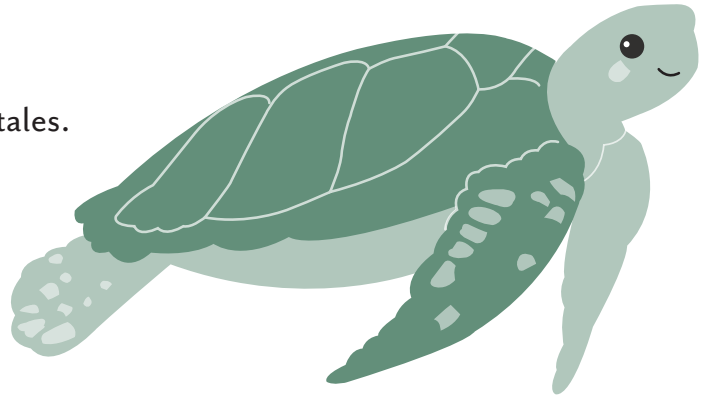
A **metaphor** is a figure of speech that compares two things that are not actually alike.

Metaphors compare things by saying something *is* something else.

**Example:** *Tennyson's eyes are pitch black pebbles.*

A **simile** is a figure of speech that compares two unlike things by using the words *like* or *as*.

**Example:** *Tennyson's eyes are like pitch black pebbles.*



## Write the examples you find of each on the lines below the story.

My home, a moss covered rock, is an emerald fortress. It provides shelter from the heavy springtime showers, when the raindrops are like large **iridescent** pearls. My rock is neighbors with a weeping willow tree. Its branches are thick snakes, but to the children who come to swim from town, the willow is a **majestic** pirate ship. I peek my head between the daisies to watch the kids in brightly colored swimsuits plunge into the pool from the tips of the willow's branches. The water's surface is like a shattered mirror. A **frenzy** of ripples take over the pond, and the lily pads twirl like dancers who suddenly have the mad desire to switch partners. I fancy the idea of surfing the pond's wild waves one day!

### Vocabulary

**Iridescent:** displaying an array of shimmering colors.

**Majestic:** splendid or impressive in appearance.

**Frenzy:** a period of wild activity.

### Metaphors

1. **A moss-covered rock is an emerald fortress.** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Branches are thick snakes.** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **The willow is a majestic pirate ship.** \_\_\_\_\_

### Similes

1. **The raindrops are like large iridescent pearls.** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Water's surface is like a shattered mirror.** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **The lily pads twirl like dancers.** \_\_\_\_\_