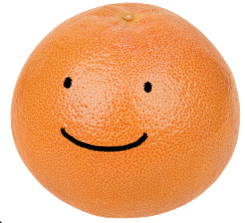


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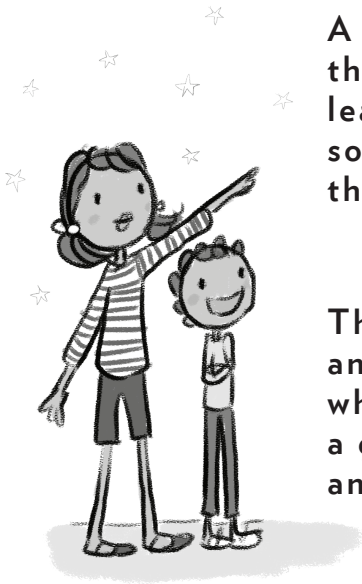
METAPHORS



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.

We gazed at the grapefruit moon.

The author is comparing two unlike things: the moon and a grapefruit. The comparison helps the reader imagine what the moon looks like because the reader knows what a grapefruit looks like. The moon must be round, dimpled, and somewhat yellow.



INSTRUCTIONS:

Fill in the blanks, identifying what is being compared and how they are alike.

1. My sister is a couch potato. a. _____ b. _____

How are they alike? _____

2. Your bedroom is a pigpen. a. _____ b. _____

How are they alike? _____

3. My mom is an angel. a. _____ b. _____

How are they alike? _____

MAKE A METAPHOR:

Fill in the blank with a word or phrase to create a metaphor. Remember, the two things must be different in most ways, but alike in at least one way.

a. The sun was a _____ in the sky.

b. The soccer ball was a _____ zipping into the net.

c. My dog is a _____ when we go on a walk.

d. The baby's cries were a _____ .