

Review: Metaphors and Similes

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

Example: The ocean is an endless pane of smooth glass.

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

Example: The ocean is as smooth as glass.

The ocean is like an endless pane of smooth glass.

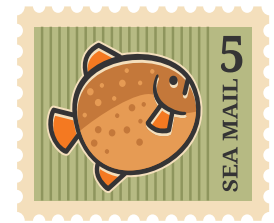
Directions: Read the postcard below. Underline the metaphors and circle the similes.

Dear Katherine,

I'm having a great vacation! The sand is as yellow as butter and warm as toast. I spend most days relaxing with a book in hand. I am a lazy cat, stretched out in the sun. But, in the afternoon, when the sun shines down like a fiery torch, I like to cool off in the water. As I swim, the ocean is a mirror of the sky. The clouds are like soft pillows, floating above like birds in the wind and the fish are brightly painted canvases, darting through the water like hurried shoppers in a big city. I have collected some beautiful seashells for you; they glisten like the deep, dark shine of a doe's eyes. I hate to leave — this island is a dream!

But I will be glad to see you again.

Paulo



Directions: Write your own similes and metaphors to describe each of the things listed below.

Metaphors

1. summer _____
2. sailboat _____
3. lemonade _____

Similes

1. pizza _____
2. palm tree _____
3. frisbee _____