

LITERARY DEVICES - ACTIVITIES



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Match to find the similes

- Asleep like a... log
- Shaking like a... leaf
- As happy as a... clam
- As cold as... ice
- Fight like... cats and dogs
- As black as... coal
- As white as a... ghost
- Fit like a... glove
- As hot as... hell



Metaphors

1. Explain the meaning of these metaphors:

- Time is money
- That boy is all brains
- Don't be a chicken!
- You are a walking encyclopaedia

2. Use the prompts to create your own:

- Eyes (*E.g.: Her eyes are stars in a dark night*)
- The moon
- Money
- Life



Simile or metaphor?

1 "A Red, Red Rose", Robert Burns:

O my Luve is like a red, red rose
That's newly sprung in June;
O my Luve is like the melody
That's sweetly played in tune.

SIMILE

2. Poem by Allen Steble:

Love is like a painting
filled with all colours and shades
love is like a bleeding heart
cut with many sharp blades
love is like a never ending story
that always begins with a kiss
love is like a space everlasting
that fills bitterness with bliss
love is like the circle of eternity
always there to take for free

SIMILE

3. Poem by Allen Steble:

Love is an open clear pool
where no hate can dare swim
love is a captured sunset
where the warmth never grows dim
love is desire held in the eye
that spreads quickly to the heart
love is a black starry night sky
a metaphor of glorious art
love is a deep dark hole of mystery
always there to take free

METAPHOR

Read this poem and underline the couplets and personifications

The Life of a Cupcake

They put me in the oven to bake.
Me, a deprived and miserable cake.
Feeling the heat, I started to bubble.
Watching the others, I knew I was in trouble.

They opened the door and I started my life.
Frosting me with a silver knife,
Decorating me with candy jewels.
The rest of my batch looked like fools.

Lifting me up, she took off my wrapper.
Feeling the breeze, I wanted to slap her.
Opening her mouth with shiny teeth inside,
This was the day this cupcake died.

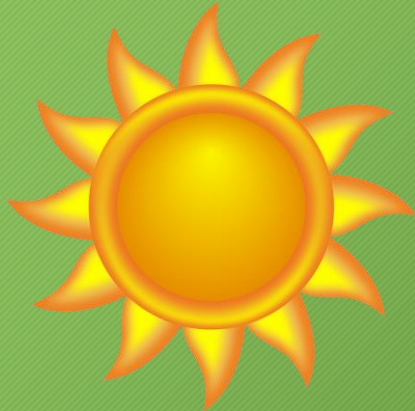


Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/the-life-of-a-cupcake>

Look at the pictures and write a sentence that contains at least THREE alliterations



(E.g.: Five firefighters fought fiercely)



Match the onomatopoeias with their name.

1. Buzz
2. Meow
3. Bark
4. Sneeze
5. Chirp
6. Cough
7. Ring
8. Clap
9. Hiss
10. Knock



Sound effects from <http://www.orange freesounds.com/>

Work in pairs. Write five sentences each, and then write a couplet for the other person's ones.

E.g.:

Student A - The children like the ocean shore

Student B - We want to leave but they want more



Complete the sentences so that they contain an example of irony

1. You go to bed really late because you're studying for an exam, and...
2. For your birthday, you get a present you always wanted to have, but then...
3. It hasn't rained in months, but now...
4. Your favourite singer is coming to your city!
5. Summer holidays at last!

THINGS I HATE:

1. ***Disrespect***
2. ***Violence***
3. ***Making lists***

Identify the literary device (there may be more than one!)

1. How many cookies could a good cook cook if a good cook could cook cookies? A good cook could cook as much cookies as a good cook who could cook cookies.
 1. Alliteration
2. And now, the end is near
And so I face the final curtain
(Frank Sinatra, *My Way*)
 2. Metaphor
 - Repetition
3. The cactus saluted those who drove past.
 3. Personification
4. My grandmother is as wise as an owl.
 4. Simile
5. We could hear the wind whispering words.
 5. Onomatopoeia
 - Personification
6. I'll give you a hand
 6. Metonymy