

Using Metaphors

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Figurative language includes special forms that writers use to help readers make a strong connection to their words. A **metaphor** is one kind of figurative language. It makes a direct comparison of two unlike things. You can tell the difference between a metaphor and a simile because a simile uses the words "like" or "as", and a metaphor does not. Metaphors often use a form of the verb "to be". The verb can be in the past tense (was, were), the present tense (am, is, are), or future tense (will be).

Read the sentences below. Rewrite each one using a metaphor.

1. She was stuck at home, unable to go anywhere.

_____ She was a prisoner in her own home.

2. Peter does better than anyone else in our classroom.

3. The information was good news that Chae-ry was glad to hear.

4. Scott was sad for a long time after his puppy died.

5. Life has happy times, and sad times.

6. People of all different races live together in America.

7. Wasting time is bad.

8. The accident taught me to be more careful when I cross the street.
