

Family Metaphor and Simile Poem

Your assignment is to create a short poem, consisting primarily of metaphors and similes, about your family.

Example Poem 1

My family is like a Thanksgiving buffet.
My mother is a Jello salad, wobbly and unsure,
But too sweet and familiar to resist.
My father is a dish of potatoes, slightly overcooked,
Firm, unyielding, and comforting all at once.
My sister is sweet potato casserole;
A little bit of her goes a long way.
My brother is the mystery salad on the end of the buffet,
Nobody is sure what's in it, so they mostly just leave it alone.
My family is like a Thanksgiving buffet.
There's so much of us, you won't want more until next year.

Example Poem 2

My family is like a zoo.
My little sister is a monkey, climbing over everything, making a lot of noise,
And always trying to make everybody else laugh.
My older sister is a gorilla, taking out anybody in her path,
But fiercely protective of all of us.
My mom is a lion, a leader and the head of the house,
And you don't want to make her mad.
My stepdad is an elephant, quiet and strong,
And he remembers everything.
My family is like a zoo.
It can get crazy and loud, but we're worth the price of admission.

Your poem

Line 1: My family is like _____.
Line 2: My (first family member) is a _____,
Line 3: Explain the metaphor.
Line 4: My (second family member) is a _____,
Line 5: Explain the metaphor.
Line 6: My (third family member) is a _____,
Line 7: Explain the metaphor.
Line 8: My (fourth family member) is a _____,
Line 9: Explain the metaphor.
Line 10: Repeat line 1.
Line 11: Explain the simile.