

## SIMILES AND METAPHORS

### TASK #1

A **metaphor** states that one thing is something else. It is a comparison, but it does **NOT** use like or as to make the comparison. A **simile** (notice it has the letter L in it) compares two different items using LIKE or AS or THAN in the sentence. You can remember it uses like because it has an L in it and metaphor doesn't.

For example: (simile) Her hair is soft like silk. The sentence is comparing (or stating) that hair is LIKE silk. (metaphor) Her hair is soft silk.

Take a piece of paper and fold it HOT DOG STYLE. Now, fold it HAMBURGER STYLE 5 times (see sample on board). In one block on the left side, write a simile and illustrate it. In the block immediately to the right, write the same sentence as a metaphor. No illustration needed on the right. Do the same for the other blocks. You may not use any that the teacher has heard before or used as examples.

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### TASK #2

## Identifying Similes and Metaphors Poetry Worksheet A

Decide whether each sentence contains a simile or a metaphor. Write the word SIMILE if the sentence contains a simile. Write the word METAPHOR if the sentence contains a metaphor.

1. The baby was like an octopus, grabbing at all the cans on the grocery store shelves.
2. As the teacher entered the room she muttered under her breath, "This class is like a three-ring circus!"
3. The giant's steps were thunder as he ran toward Jack.
4. The pillow was a cloud when I put my head upon it after a long day.
5. I feel like a limp dishrag.
6. Those girls are like two peas in a pod.
7. The fluorescent light was the sun during our test.
8. No one invites Harold to parties because he's a wet blanket.
9. The bar of soap was a slippery eel during the dog's bath.
10. Ted was as nervous as a cat with a long tail in a room full of rocking chairs.