

Metaphors & Similes: A Review

Metaphor: A comparison of two unlike things, not using "like" or "as"

Examples: The lieutenant barked commands.
 The country boy dislikes the roar of the city.
 The promise of free candy was a magnet that attracted hundreds of children.

Directions: Write the answers to questions 2-4 in the space provided below.

1. Look at the sentences above and find the metaphors in each.
2. What is the lieutenant being compared to? Why?
3. What is the city being compared to? Why?
4. What is the promise being compared to? Why?

Simile: A comparison between two unlike things, using "like" or "as"

Examples: Her lips were as rosy as a desert sunrise.
 The room was furnished poorly like a run-down shack.
 He is as happy as a kid with a new toy.

Directions: Write the answers to questions 6-8 in the space provided below.

5. Look at the sentences above and find the similes in each.
6. What are her lips being compared to? Why?
7. What is the room's appearance being compared to? Why?
8. What is he being compared to? Why?