

ELA A 10 Figures of Speech: Similes and Metaphors TEACHER KEY

A **simile** is a comparison of two unlike things. Similes use *like*, *as*, or *than*.
EXAMPLE: His temper was vicious *like an angry winter storm*.

A **metaphor** is a direct comparison of two unlike things. Metaphors do not use *like*, *as*, or *than*.
EXAMPLE: The *sunshine* of her smile can brighten even the *darkest* hearts.

A. For each of the examples below, underline the figurative expression, and in the space provided, identify each expression as a simile (S) or metaphor (M).

- S 1. Although she was generally happy, her moods were like the weather: unpredictable.
- M 2. Terry has dynamite ideas.
- M 3. The little angels waited nervously in their desks.
- S 4. That August morning, the sun rested on my shoulders like a warm kitten.
- S 5. Looking as pale as a blank canvas, Jody timidly entered the dentist's office.
- M 6. The New Year's celebration was a fever infecting the crowd.
- M 7. When he addressed the crowd, the politician thundered his disapproval of the proposed legislation.
- S 8. Whimpering like an abandoned puppy, Winston nursed his scraped knee.
- M 9. "You'll get no pity from me!" cried the stone hearted villain.
- S 10. After the concert, Roy's ears throbbed like the beating of a bass drum.

B. Write two original similes and metaphors.

1. Simile

a. _____ answers will vary _____

b. _____ answers will vary _____

2. Metaphor

a. _____ answers will vary _____

b. _____ answers will vary _____