

## 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.

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3. The information was good news that Gracey was glad to hear.

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

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5. Life has happy times, and sad times.

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

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7. Wasting time is bad.

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

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