

## Metaphor Meanings

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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).

**All of the sentences below use metaphors. Explain what each one means.**

1. The teeth of the crocodile are little white knives.

\_\_\_\_\_The crocodile's teeth are very sharp.

2. My life is a dream come true!

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3. The bird fired a white missile, which exploded on my windshield.

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4. The crab was a dancing pair of scissors, clicking across the sand.

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5. Her long hair is an ocean of waves.

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6. The music of her laughter filled the room.

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7. A book is a key that unlocks imagination in your mind.

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8. Her diary was her best friend, guarding her secrets quietly.

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