

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!

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

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

5. Her long hair is an ocean of waves.

6. The music of her laughter filled the room.

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

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