

## Metaphors Compare Things

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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 each sentence below. Underline the metaphor. Circle the people or objects that the metaphor is being used to compare.**

1) The calm lake was a mirror reflecting the mountains in the distance.



2) When my dad makes up his mind he is a rock, not budging an inch.

3) The lava was a blanket of fire that scorched all the plants in its path.



4) Spinning contentedly, the spider was an artist preparing a masterpiece.

5) During the holiday traffic the highway was one long parking lot.



6) The ice cream bar was a snowstorm in her mouth in the heat of the day.

7) His job hunt was a puzzle that was missing the final piece.

8) The lawyers were sharks in the ocean of the courtroom.

9) On Christmas Eve, the shopping mall was a jungle of people.

10) The spaghetti was a tangled ball of yarn on his plate.