

Figurative Language: Similes and Metaphors in Literature



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Read each sentence below. Determine whether the sentence uses a SIMILE or a METAPHOR.

1. Sentence: 'During the school play, Maya stood on stage as proud as a peacock.'

Answer: A. SIMILE (Compares using 'as')

Because it uses the comparison word 'as proud as', it is a SIMILE.

2. Sentence: 'After shoveling the driveway in the snow, my fingers were blocks of ice.'

Answer: B. METAPHOR (States fingers literally were ice blocks to show extreme cold)

The sentence states fingers 'were blocks of ice' directly without using 'like' or 'as', making it a METAPHOR.

3. Sentence: 'The calm lake was like a smooth silver mirror reflecting the trees.'

Answer: A. SIMILE (Uses 'like' to compare lake to mirror)

The word 'like' connects the calm lake to a mirror, creating a SIMILE.