

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.'

- A. SIMILE (Compares using 'as')
- B. METAPHOR (Direct comparison without like/as)
- C. Literal statement

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

- A. SIMILE (Uses 'like' or 'as')
- B. METAPHOR (States fingers literally were ice blocks to show extreme cold)
- C. Personification

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

- A. SIMILE (Uses 'like' to compare lake to mirror)
- B. METAPHOR (Direct equivalence)
- C. Hyperbole