

METAPHORS AND SIMILES

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Metaphors and similes both help the reader understand a subject by comparing it to something else. But, they are different...

METAPHOR

A comparison between two things that are *not* alike and replaces the word with another word.

DEFINITION

To paint a picture for the reader

PURPOSE

The subject is said to be *another*

QUICK MEMORY TIP

The toast *jumped out of the toaster.*
I'm so hungry *I could eat a horse.*
I told you a million times to clean your room.

EXAMPLES

SIMILE

A comparison between two things that are *not* alike and replaces the word with another word **AND** uses the word *like* or *as*

To paint a picture **AND** give an example

The subject is *as* or *like* another

She cried *like a baby.*
Life is *like a box of chocolates.*
He was as busy as a bee.
She was snug as a bug in a rug.
He was blind as a bat.