

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

SIMILE

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

DEFINITION

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 for the reader

PURPOSE

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

The subject is said to be *another*

QUICK MEMORY TIP

The subject is *as* or *like* another

He was a volcano of rage.
He was putty in her hands.
With the windows rolled up the car was a furnace.
After the storm the garden was a swamp.

EXAMPLES

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.