

Metaphor & Simile Assessment

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Answer each question. Use complete sentences when an explanation is requested.

1. A comparison using 'like' or 'as' is what?
2. A direct comparison saying one thing is another is what?
3. Is 'the classroom was a zoo' literal?
4. What two things are compared in 'her voice was velvet'?
5. Why use metaphor instead of literal description?
6. Can an extended metaphor continue across several lines?
7. What is a mixed metaphor?
8. Can similes create imagery?
9. What should analysis explain after identifying a metaphor?
10. Write a simile describing rain.

Teacher Answer Key

1. Simile
2. Metaphor
3. No
4. Voice and velvet
5. To create association, imagery, emotion, compression, or insight
6. Yes
7. Incompatible metaphors combined confusingly
8. Yes
9. How the comparison affects meaning, tone, or theme
10. Answers vary

This PoetrySoup assessment may be printed and used freely for classroom and educational purposes.