The Poetry Tool Box

Simile and Metaphor

You can be more creative in your writing by using similes and metaphors. A simile is a way of comparing two things. The comparison is written with the words *like* or *as*. A metaphor describes by comparing one thing to another without using the words *like* or *as*.

Here are two similes:

I'm as sharp as a pin.

The cloud is as puffy as a cotton ball.

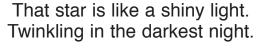
Finish the similes below.

- 1. The wet dog smelled like_____
- 2. The ice was as slick as_____

Now, here is a poem which uses a simile:









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Use a simile to write a short poem. It does not have to rhyme.

Simile and Metaphor (cont.)

A metaphor describes by comparing one thing to another without using the words *like* or *as*. For example:

The bird is a colorful rainbow.

I'm an accident waiting to happen.

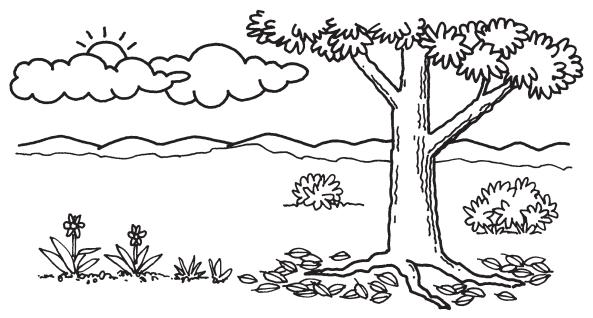
Complete the metaphors below.

- 1. The child was a _____
- 2. The star was a_____

Use comparison words to complete these metaphors.



8. The rock is_____



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