YEAR 4 READING

Similes & Metaphors

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A simile compares using 'like' or 'as'. A metaphor says something IS something else. Choose simile or metaphor.

1. Her smile was as bright as the sun.
   (a) simile (b) metaphor
2. The classroom was a zoo.
   (a) simile (b) metaphor
3. He ran like the wind.
   (a) simile (b) metaphor
4. My brother is a couch potato.
   (a) simile (b) metaphor
5. The baby's skin was as soft as silk.
   (a) simile (b) metaphor
6. The stars were diamonds in the sky.
   (a) simile (b) metaphor
7. She swims like a fish.
   (a) simile (b) metaphor
8. Time is money.
   (a) simile (b) metaphor

What does it really mean?

9. 'The classroom was a zoo' means...
   (a) there were animals in the room (b) the class was noisy and wild
   (c) the class went on an excursion
10. 'My brother is a couch potato' means...
    (a) he sits around on the couch a lot (b) he likes potatoes (c) he is a vegetable

Your turn.

11. Finish the simile: The thunder was as loud as...

12. Write your own metaphor about the ocean.

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9. b) the class was noisy and wild
10. a) he sits around on the couch a lot

Your turn.

11. Answers will vary. Example: a drum / a jet plane
12. Answers will vary. Example: The ocean is a giant blue blanket.

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