

Macbeth: Act 2 Year 5 and Year 6

Language Exercise: Similes and Metaphors

A metaphor is a word or a phrase used to describe something as if it were something else:
For example, "A wave of terror washed over him." The terror isn't actually a wave, but a wave is a good way of describing the feeling.
"Macbeth is fire." He's not made of fire, but it's a way to explain how dangerous he is.

A simile describes something by **comparing it to something else**, using like or as:
The snake moved **like a** ripple on a pond.
It was **as slippery as** an eel.
Lady Macbeth is **as sneaky as a snake**

TASK:

Rewrite/add to each sentence below turning it into a metaphor or simile
For example:

1. It was dark outside.

2. Father and son stared up at the dark sky

3. Lady Macbeth is cunning.

4. Macbeth is dangerous.

5. Banquo is scared.

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For example:

1. It was dark outside.

It was **as dark as coal** outside.

2. Father and son stared up at the dark sky

Father and son stared up at the dark sky. The stars winking at them like thousands of eyes

3. Lady Macbeth is cunning.

Lady Macbeth **is a cunning fox**

4. Macbeth is dangerous.

Macbeth **is fire**

5. Banquo is scared.

Banquo froze in fear.