

JULIUS CAESAR: ACT 2

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4

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 anger washed over him." The anger isn't actually a wave, but a wave is a good way of describing the feeling.

"Cassius is a snake." Cassius is not a snake, but it's a way to explain his personality; he's sneaky and crafty.

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.

Cassius is **as sneaky as a snake**

TASK: READ EACH SENTENCE. CIRCLE WHETHER IT IS A SIMILE OR A METAPHOR

1. Quick as lightning, Brutus told Portia that he wasn't feeling well

Simile

Metaphor

2. Portia's heart turned to stone.

Simile

Metaphor

3. Calpurnia tossed and turned like a stormy sea.

Simile

Metaphor

4. Cassius is a cunning fox.

Simile

Metaphor

5. Caesar hardly slept a wink.

Simile

Metaphor

6. Decius' knock at Caesar's door was as loud as a drum.

Simile

Metaphor

7. Brutus felt as cold as ice .

Simile

Metaphor

8. Her eyes shone as brightly as the moon.

Simile

Metaphor

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A **metaphor** is a word or a phrase used to describe something as if it were something else:

For example, "A wave of love washed over her." The love isn't actually a wave, but a wave is a good way of describing the feeling.

"Olivia is a flower." She's not a flower, but it's a way to explain how sweet Orsino thinks she 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.

Malvolio is **as sneaky as a snake**

TASK: Read each sentence. Circle whether it is a simile or a metaphor

2. Quick as lightning, Brutus told Portia that he wasn't feeling well

Simile

Metaphor

9. Portia's heart turned to stone.

Simile

Metaphor

10. Calpurnia tossed and turned like a stormy sea.

Simile

Metaphor

11. Cassius is a cunning fox.

Simile

Metaphor

12. Caesar hardly slept a wink.

Simile

Metaphor

13. Decius' knock at Caesar's door was as loud as a drum.

Simile

Metaphor

14. Brutus felt as cold as ice .

Simile

Metaphor

15. Her eyes shone as brightly as the moon.

Simile

Metaphor