Simile and Metaphor
Activity Sheet

Part 1: Read each paragraph. Find the simile or metaphor and underline it. Then write an explanation of what the simile or metaphor means.

Every morning at my house, we eat breakfast at the crack of dawn. My mom likes to cook big breakfasts. The scrambled eggs are a mountain on the platter. The pancakes are fluffy and sweet. I soak them in strawberry syrup. With food like this, who wouldn’t want to get up early?

1. What does the simile or metaphor mean? ________________

Kaylee was happy when her family adopted a kitten. She promised that she would give the kitten food and water every day. Dad told Kaylee that there was one thing she needed to do before anything else. She needed to name the kitten! Kaylee petted the kitten. Its fur was soft as cotton. “I’ll name him Cottonball,” Kaylee said.

2. What does the simile or metaphor mean? ________________
In art class, Devon’s teacher said that they would make valentines for their friends. Devon looked at the paper heart lying on his desk. What could he write on the valentine? Finally, he grabbed a pen and wrote, “Roses are red. Violets are blue. You are my sunshine, and I like you!”

3. What does the simile or metaphor mean? ________________

The room was dark, and the smell of sugar filled the air. Ten people crouched in the darkness. They were as quiet as mice. Then they heard the sound of the door creaking open. The overhead light came on. Everyone jumped up and yelled, “Surprise! Happy birthday!”

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Part 2: Read each paragraph. Find the simile or metaphor and underline it. Then, write an explanation of what the simile or metaphor means.

I have a dog named Tinkerbell. She weighs only 5 pounds, but she is as fierce as a lion. When someone rings the doorbell, she barks loudly. If I roll a mini-tennis ball across the floor, she chases it down and bites it. She has taught me that even the smallest person can be brave.

5. What does the simile or metaphor mean? ________________
At summer camp, a group of us sat around the campfire. It sparked and flickered in the center of a ring of rocks. In the firelight, my best friend’s eyes were shiny stars. We roasted marshmallows on sticks and then smashed them with chocolate between graham crackers. Yum!

6. What does the simile or metaphor mean? ________________

One of the highlights of my summer is the farmer’s market. I don’t care about the vegetables. What I care about are the snow cones and the kettle corn! After eating a cold treat, my lips are as cold as ice. I give my mom a big kiss on the cheek, and she laughs and pushes me away in fun.

7. What does the simile or metaphor mean? ________________

Heavy raindrops were drumbeats on the roof. Lightning lit up the sky in sudden flashes, quickly followed by the boom of thunder. I wished I could stay snug in my bed, but there was just one problem. I was certain that a ghost had floated past my open bedroom door. I gathered my courage to go investigate.

8. What does the simile or metaphor mean? ________________
Jake and Lily rode their dirt bikes up the side of a rocky hill. It was slow going, but the effort was worth it. Now came the fun part: speeding down the hill! As they sped over rocks and clumps of grass, their bikes bounced wildly. The kids’ laughter rang out like bells.

9. What does the simile or metaphor mean? ________________