

Similes, metaphors & personification

Metaphors make a direct comparison of two unlike things. You can tell the difference between a metaphor and a simile because a simile uses the words “like” or “as” and a metaphor **DOES NOT**.

In the sentences below, underline the metaphor and circle the people or object that the metaphor is being used to compare.

1. The calm lake was a mirror, reflecting the mountains in the distance.
2. When my dad makes up his mind he is a rock, not budging an inch.
3. The lava was a blanket of fire that baked all the plants in its path.
4. Spinning cheerfully, the spider was an artist preparing a masterpiece.
5. During the holiday traffic the highway was one long parking lot.
6. The ice cream was a snowstorm in her mouth in the heat of the day.
7. His job hunt was a puzzle that was missing the final piece.
8. The lawyers were sharks in the ocean of the courtroom.
9. On Christmas Eve, the shopping mall was a jungle of people.
10. The spaghetti was a tangled ball of wool on his plate.

On the line, next to each sentence below, write either P = personification, S = simile or M = metaphor.

11. The alarm clock went off like a bomb! _____
12. She was as quiet as a mouse. _____
13. The ants marched home. _____
14. The moon is a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas. _____
15. She's as mad as a hatter. _____
16. The trees whispered to each other in the darkness. _____
17. The sun went to bed. _____
18. She ate the mountain of food greedily. _____
19. The frog's tongue moved like lightning. _____

