

Similes and Metaphors: Describing the Unthinkable



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A **metaphor** is a figure of speech used to compare two different things as though they were the same. An example would be, “My heart was a shattered mirror.” A **simile** is also a figure of speech used to compare two things, but similes use “like” or “as.” For example, “My love is like a red, red rose.”

Directions: Review the examples below from *Night* and decide if each is a simile or metaphor. Next, write what the vivid description means.

example	Is it a simile or metaphor?	Meaning _____ is like _____ _____ is being compared to _____
“We can’t go like beasts to the slaughter.”		
“It was a nightmare.”		
“Never shall I forget the little faces of the children whose bodies I saw turn to wreaths of smoke.”		
“It seemed like an eternity to me.”		
“Our senses were blunted; everything was blurred as in a fog.”		
Find one of your own!		
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**Write
about it**



Directions: Write a paragraph where you explain how the author's use of simile or metaphor contributes to a narrative element in the text (setting, character, conflict, etc.).