

The Language of Nature



Being outside in nature can sometimes be the best classroom - take time to look closer at what is around you and jot down metaphors and similes for natural objects. You can later turn your descriptions into poetry or a short story!

Key Terms

Figurative Language: Expressing ideas in imaginative ways to improve writing; when a writer describes something by comparing it to something else

Metaphor: A comparison between two or more things without using the words “like” or “as”

Simile: A comparison between two things using the words “like” or “as”

Personification: Applying human traits/qualities to animals, nature, or things

Activity

| Subject | Comparison | Figurative Language Used |
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| Flowers | The yellow flowers were sunlight on the lovely day | Metaphor |
| Cloudy Skies | The grey clouds scattered the sky like a giant blanket | Simile |
| Lake | The lake danced under the moonlight | Personification |
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Additional Reading

Check out some of the following books about nature!

- *A Drop Around the World* - Barbara Shaw McKinney
- *A Rock is Lively* - Diana Hutts Aston
- *A Walk Through the Woods* - Louise Greig
- *Planting a Rainbow* - Lois Ehlert
- *Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt* - Kate Messner

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