

Metaphors...Find Them!

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- A metaphor is an implied comparison. In a metaphor one object is spoken of as if it actually were another (instead of being compared with another, as in a simile).
 - Metaphors are found in nearly all forms of literature. The Bible is full of metaphors, such as references to the Lord as a shepherd, a rock, and a fortress.
 - In various poems and hymns, God has also been referred to as a pilot or a master potter.
 - Other metaphors with which you are probably familiar are Shakespeare's reference to life as "a brief candle" and Alfred Noyes' line about "the ribbon of moonlight" (road).
 - The following activities will help you to better understand metaphors.
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1. The names of many of our plants and flowers are metaphors. The name daisy, for example, means "eye of the day"; gladiolus means "sword"; and dandelion means "tooth of the lion" when we use these names, we no longer think of them as metaphors. Listed below are two additional examples of metaphorical plant names. Using a seed catalog, try to find the others.

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| a. bluebonnet | b. |
| c. Queen Anne's lace | d. |
| e. | f. |
| g. | h. |
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2. In several back issues of The Reader's digest locate the column "toward More Picturesque Speech" this usually has many good examples of metaphors. Copy several of the best ones below. Then, mark the one you like the most.

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b.

c.

d.

e.