

Metaphor

- a comparison in which two unlike objects are thought to be the same
- does not use like or as (that's a simile)

Example

Maps are really
Magic wands
For home-staying
Vagabonds!

-- Dorothy Brown Thompson, "Maps"

In the poem above, maps are compared to magic wands. Both can take you to faraway places, at least in your imagination.

1. In the gray evening
I see a long green serpent with its tail in the dahlias.

It lies in loops across the grass
And drinks softly at the faucet.

-- Beatrice Janosco, "The Garden Hose"

- a. To what is a serpent being compared? (1)
- b. On the line below, list how they are alike. (2)

2. A train is a dragon that roars through the dark.
He wriggles his tail as he sends up a spark.

--Rowena Bastin Bennet, "A Modern Dragon"

- a. Underline the 2 items being compared. (2)
- b. On the line below, list how they are alike. (2)

3. Don't be polite.
Bite in.
Pick it up with your fingers and lick the juice that may run down your chin.
It is ready and ripe now, whenever you are.

-- Eve Merriam, "How to Eat a Poem"

- a. Explain the metaphor in this poem. (2)