

My Body as a Metaphor - Hairs - Mentor Texts

Hairs by Sandra Cisneros

Everybody in our family has different hair. **My papa's hair is like a broom**, all up in the air. And me, my hair is lazy. It never obeys barrettes or bands. Carlos' hair is thick and straight. He doesn't need to comb it. Nenny's hair is slippery—slides out of your hand. And Kiki, who is the youngest, **has hair like fur**.

But my mother's hair, my mother's hair, like little rosettes, like little candy circles all curly and pretty because she pinned it in pincurls all day, sweet to put your nose into when she is holding you, holding you and you feel safe, is the warm smell of bread before you bake it, is the smell when she makes room for you on her side of the bed still warm with her skin, and you sleep near her, the rain outside falling and Papa snoring.

The snoring, the rain, and Mama's hair that smells like bread.

My Hair is Long by Loyen Redhawk Gali

My hair is as long as a pony's tail and as shiny as a river.
My skin is as brown as a bear getting up in the sunlight.
My eyes are as big as berries but as dark as buffalo hide.
My ears are like pears cut in half ready to eat.
My heart is like the drum beat as I dance in the arbor.
My hands are soft as a rabbit's fur in the forest.
My legs are as long as a baby deer's legs as they run along the edge of the river.
My stomach is as big as a buffalo's as it grazes through the land.
My voice is like the scream of an eagle but can be as quiet as a mouse.
When I laugh, it sounds like a woodpecker getting some food.
And my smile is as big as a lake

Similes and Metaphors

A _____ where two things are directly compared because they share a common feature. The word AS or LIKE is used to compare the two words.

Example. As cold AS a dog's nose

A _____ also compares two things, but it does so more directly WITHOUT using as or like.

Example. The shop was a little gold-mine.

My Body as a Metaphor - Graphic Organizer

My voice...

My eyes...

My ears...

My heart...

My hands...

My legs...

My stomach...

My skin...

My hair...

My laugh...

Add your own middle school appropriate lines to the last three boxes... You can skip 3 total boxes on this graphic organizer