



Comparisons are cool

CAPS Statement

Writing & Presenting

Writes a story using a frame:

- Uses techniques for creative writing, e.g. uses comparisons.
- Writes at least two paragraphs
- Links paragraphs using connecting words
- Uses new vocabulary and punctuation learnt
- Uses appropriate grammar, spelling, punctuation and spaces between paragraphs
- Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words

Note

The root word of *comparison* is 'compare'. Another word for a *comparison* is a *metaphor*. A metaphor is a word or phrase used to make a comparison between two people, things, animals or places.

Example : The snow is a white blanket.
 You are a shining star.

Activity 1

Look at each metaphor on the next page and underline the two things that are being compared. Explain the meaning of the metaphor, using clues from the word well. An example has been done for you.

Example

The classroom is an oven.

What is being compared? The classroom and an oven.

We know an oven gets very hot, so the classroom must be very hot.



stay up late

soft and smooth

kind and helpful

quick and clever

hard and unfeeling

sharp knives



Comparison / Metaphor	Meaning
I am a night owl.	
The shark's teeth are daggers.	
His heart is a cold stone.	
Leigh's brain is a computer.	
Thank you, you are an angel.	
The grass is a green carpet.	

Activity 2

Write your own metaphors. Underline the two things being compared. Explain the meaning of your metaphor.

- ① _____

- ② _____

- ③ _____



Activity 3

Write a short story about your most embarrassing moment using the framework below. Try to include metaphors to make your story more interesting. Remember to use connecting words (such as: and, next, then) to help link ideas and lead on to the next.

My most embarrassing moment.

My face was a red _____. I wanted to run and _____
but I was a frozen _____. How could this have happened?
I just was not thinking. There I was _____
and in front of all those people. I wanted to _____, but I had to wait
until _____.

I did not feel too _____ after I heard that my sister had
also _____. We are two _____.
You can be sure, next time I will not forget to _____
and will be careful not to _____.

Activity 4

Here are some ideas to help you write a paragraph or short story all by yourself. Remember to include some metaphors / comparisons. When you have finished, share stories with your desk partner.

- A day in the life of my pet
- The first day of school is the best / worst
- Staying at a friend's home

Teacher Tip

Metaphors are very helpful when learners are learning the meanings of specific words because comparisons provide a more visual description of the word.

Explain the importance of metaphors in our everyday conversations and how authors use metaphors to make their writing more interesting.

