

Metaphors *Writing*

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- The kindergarten classroom was a zoo. (What's the meaning?)

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2. _____ was a _____
3. _____ are old dinosaurs.
4. Mary's backpack _____

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6. Add a metaphor to make the scene more imaginative.

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- The stormy ocean was...
- His tears were...
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1. Life is a book with many chapters.
2. Hillary's day at work was a roller coaster.
3. The computers found in the storage room are old dinosaurs.
4. Mary's backpack is cleaner than a hospital operating room.

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kaleidoscope of twinkling lights.
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boiling into a frenzy.
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a waterfall of joy.
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a car full of kittens.

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- Why are metaphors often used in poetry?
Metaphors allow readers to interpret poetry through imagination.
- How can a metaphor enliven your creative essay?
Metaphors avoid repeating the same style; it provides variety.
- Interpret this metaphor: *You are my sunshine.*
You are bright, warm, and make things happen.

