

**TWELFTH NIGHT: ACT 2**  
**YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6**  
**LANGUAGE EXERCISE: SIMILES AND METAPHORS**

**A metaphor** is a word or a phrase used to describe something as if it were something else:  
For example, "A wave of love washed over her." The love isn't actually a wave, but a wave is a good way of describing the feeling.  
"Olivia is a flower." She's not a flower, but it's a way to explain how sweet Orsino thinks she is.

**A simile** describes something by **comparing it to something else**, using like or as:  
The snake moved **like** a ripple on a pond.  
It was **as slippery as** an eel.  
Malvolio is **as sneaky as a snake**

**TASK:**  
**REWRITE/ADD TO EACH SENTENCE BELOW TURNING IT INTO A METAPHOR OR SIMILE**

1. It was dark outside.

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2. Her voice was deep.

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3. Maria is cunning.

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4. Sir Andrew leapt up.

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5. Viola ran.

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**ANSWERS**

For example:

1. It was dark outside.

It was **as dark as coal** outside.

SIMILIE

2. Her voice was deep.

Her voice was **as deep as the sea**.

SIMILIE

3. Maria is cunning.

Maria **is a cunning fox**

METAPHOR

4. Sir Andrew leapt up.

Sir Andrew, **a leaping salmon**, jumped to his feet.

METAPHOR

5. Viola ran.

Viola ran **like the wind**.

SIMILIE