**Romeo and Juliet: 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 terror washed over him." The terror isn't actually a wave, but a wave is a good way of describing the feeling.

"Mercutio is dynamite." He's not made of dynamite, but it's a way to explain how exciting he 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.

Juliet is **as graceful as** a gazelle.

**TASK:** Read each sentence. Circle whether it is a simile or a metaphor

Simile

Metaphor

1. The palace walls were as high as mountains

Simile

Metaphor

1. The sunrise was as golden as the sand on a beach.

Simile

Metaphor

1. Romeo’s heart was as big as the ocean.

Metaphor

Simile

1. The stars were diamonds in the sky.

Metaphor

Simile

1. Juliet danced on air

Metaphor

Simile

1. Romeo’s eyes shone like diamonds

Metaphor

Simile

1. Her eyes were crystals.

Metaphor

Simile

1. The sound of music beat across the sky like a drum

Metaphor

Simile

1. Juliet’s words were crystal clear.

Metaphor

Simile

1. The fireworks were as bright as stars in the sky.

Metaphor

Simile

1. It is the east, and Juliet is the sun. (Romeo, Act 2)

Metaphor

Simile

1. O, speak again, bright angel! For **thou** **art**

As glorious to this night… (Romeo, Act 2)