

## Understand

Underline the **metaphors** in this passage.

Sally nervously pushed at the gate and it creaked open a fraction on rusted hinges. As quietly as the grave, Sally squeezed through the gap. Her heart was a pounding drum as she looked around the old garden. The night sky was dark overhead, but a slice of moonlight, falling through clouds as grey as lead, was a silver path, leading up to the house's front door.

“Should I really be doing this?” Sally asked herself, but kept going. Her curiosity was a rope pulling her forward. She was walking through a pool of darkness but she could not stop now.

After a few moments, Sally reached the front of the house. The rotten, wooden doorway hung awkwardly open and Sally squeezed through the opening, careful not to make a noise.

Inside the house, a layer of dust told her that nobody had been here in years. The loneliness inside was a giant hand which held her in its grip.

## Explain

Explain, using your own words what a **metaphor** is and how it is different from a simile.

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Language  
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Metaphors



This is a visual **metaphor**. The swimmer is not really swimming down the road. What do you think it is saying about the swimmer? Can you change this visual metaphor into a written one?

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## Test

Tick the sentences which include metaphors.

- Kris is as sly as a fox.
- Jim's mood was awful after he missed his train.
- Her hair was bone white after she saw the spider.
- The sparkling sea was a blanket of sapphires in front of us.

What are the meanings of these metaphors?

The camel is a ship of the desert.

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The sound was music to my ears.

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A metaphor needs to be obvious to anybody who is reading it.  
Add nouns to these sentences to create obvious metaphors.

The hot sun was \_\_\_\_\_

The bear's sharp teeth were \_\_\_\_\_

The fierce wind was \_\_\_\_\_

## Challenge

Imagine that you are on this street. How do you feel? Use **3 metaphors** to describe what it is like to be here.



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