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Similes & Metaphors

A. Similes: We can use similes to compare two objects in an interesting way. We usually use the words **like** or **as** when we make a simile.

Choose the proper word to complete each simile from the story.

gazelle Morse mouth ran thumped

1. My heart _____ like a techno drumbeat.
2. I _____ like a cheetah that smoked too much.
3. I was running like an injured _____ trying to evade a pride of lions.
4. My _____ tasted like a skunk had crawled into my throat and died.
5. His teeth chattered like _____ code.

B. We can use metaphors to compare two objects in an interesting way. We do not use the words **like** or **as** when we make a metaphor.

Choose the proper word to complete each metaphor from the story.

lullaby muddy player stepped swan

1. Mom _____ through the minefield of suitcases.
2. That _____ is the spawn of Satan.
3. The _____ waters of tangents and cosines began to clarify.
4. Harsden Academy's star _____ was a six-foot-seven Goliath.
5. I fell asleep to the highway's monotonous _____

C. Can you make your own examples on the lines below?

1. simile: _____

2. metaphor: _____
