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Similes and Metaphors

Similes and metaphors describe a noun by comparing it to something else. How are they different? A simile makes comparisons by using the words "like" or "as." A metaphor simply says that one thing IS another thing.

Example:

Simile: She has a smile as bright as the sun.

Metaphor: Her smile is the sun.

Directions: Identify the similes and metaphors below about Michael Phelps, explain their meaning, and try writing a simile and metaphor of your own.

1. Michael Phelps swims through the water like a torpedo.

Is this a simile or a metaphor? How can you tell? _____

What does it mean? _____

Write a simile that expresses the same idea. _____

2. Michael Phelps's kick is a high-speed motor.

Is this a simile or a metaphor? How can you tell? _____

What does it mean? _____

Write a simile that expresses the same idea. _____

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