



Understanding Similes and Metaphors

Today's Standard

4.L.5a - Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors (e.g., as pretty as a picture) in context.

Cues	Notes
What is a simile?	A simile is a figure of speech that compares two different things using 'like' or 'as'.
What is a metaphor?	A metaphor is a figure of speech that directly compares two different things without using 'like' or 'as'.
How do similes and metaphors differ?	Similes use 'like' or 'as' to make comparisons, while metaphors make direct comparisons.
Why are similes and metaphors important?	Similes and metaphors are important because they add vivid imagery and make descriptions more engaging.
Examples of similes and metaphors	Simile: 'as busy as a bee'; Metaphor: 'a heart of gold'.

Summary

Similes and metaphors are figurative language tools that compare two different things. Similes use 'like' or 'as', while metaphors do not. Understanding these helps make language more vivid and engaging.