

Similes and Metaphors are easy!

The sun is like a bright
The sun is as hot as

Finish the above in order to create similes about the sun.

How can we turn these into metaphors? Take out the 'like' and the 'as' and re-write the sentence so it still makes sense. For example if you wrote: 'The sun is like a bright yellow bouncy ball,' to make it into a metaphor you would just write: 'The sun is a bright yellow bouncy ball'.

Write out a list of metaphors for the sun – one on each line. Now read it through: you've written a poem!

Repeat the above instructions for the moon. How will you start? How different are your poems?

Now we have looked at similes and metaphors for the sun and the moon choose one of the following and complete the instructions:

Hurricane

Snow

Fog

Mist

Rain

1. Write down at least four words to describe whichever of the above weather types you have chosen.
2. Using your list, write down at least two similes to describe the weather. Try to avoid very obvious similes, such as 'as white as a lily'.
3. Now take out the 'as' or 'like' and turn your similes into metaphors.
4. If you can, see if you can extend your metaphor as it was in 'The Highwayman' in which the moon was described as: 'The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas'.