

SIMILES AND METAPHORS: LITERARY DEVICES

Metaphors and similes are literary techniques used by writers to create stronger descriptions or explanations for readers. Metaphors and similes make comparisons between two different things. They also help the reader see something from a new perspective. By comparing tears to a river or an ocean, for example, the writer describes the girl's sadness more completely. The reader gets a better visual image when metaphors or similes are used creatively.

Literary Device	What it is	Examples
Simile	<i>Similes compare two different things using the words "like" or "as".</i>	
Metaphor	<i>Metaphors compare two different things without the use of "like" or "as".</i>	

With your partner, write a sentence containing a simile and a sentence containing a metaphor to describe how young Leeza is.