

# What is a Metaphor?

A metaphor is like a simile. That's because it is a comparison that is made between things, which is not always likely or obvious.

A metaphor sounds more forceful and suggestive, but is still very common in speech. Common metaphors include "the neck of the woods" or "the foot of the mountain".

These can be seen to be similar to similes - they suggest a comparison but do not make it explicitly.

We often use metaphors without realising it. For instance, when we say that your parents 'bark a command' at you, you are comparing them to a dog, and hence engaging in metaphor!

## **Here are some more metaphors**

A heart of stone

He has the heart of a lion

You are the sun in my sky

You are the light in my life

She is my East and my West, my compass.

You had better pull your socks up

Life is a mere dream, a fleeting shadow on a cloudy day.

Love is a lemon - either bitter or sweet (from Scott)

Drowning in the sea

Jumping for joy

Rolling in dough

Apple of my eye

It is raining cats and dogs

Love is a fragile flower opening to the warmth of Spring

Information travels faster in this modern age as our days start crawling away.

Life has a tendency to come back and bite you in the ass.

A riverboat shall be my horse.

A light in a sea of darkness.

Strength and dignity are her clothing.