Name & Surname: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Pretty as a Picture

Explain what similes and metaphors mean

About 30 minutes Level ★★★☆☆

Task A

Example done for you

/3

Tick the correct meaning for each comparison.

1. "She is as pretty as a **picture**." What does it **mean**?
   - [x] She looks very pretty.
   - [ ] She is a painting.
   - [ ] She likes pictures.
2. "The test was as **easy** as **pie**." What does it **mean**?
   - [ ] The test tasted good.
   - [ ] The test was very easy.
   - [ ] The test was very hard.
3. "The classroom is a **zoo** this morning!" What does the **metaphor mean**?
   - [ ] There are animals in the room.
   - [ ] The room is noisy and wild.
   - [ ] The room is very quiet.
4. "The snow was a white **blanket**." What does it **mean**?
   - [ ] Snow covered everything soft and white.
   - [ ] Snow was hot and dry.
   - [ ] Someone lost a blanket.

Created with LessonDino.com · AI lesson planner with checkable sources

See Different Views

Think how each person understands the same comparison.

Key words

simile: a comparison using like or as

compare: to show how things are alike

meaning: what something shows or tells

metaphor: saying one thing is another thing

context: words around it that help meaning

Task B

Pick one **viewpoint**. Write what the **metaphor means** to that person.

a student

a parent

a teacher

The classroom is a zoo.

a visitor

a librarian

I am thinking of... from the viewpoint of...

.....

I think... (describe the topic from your viewpoint)

.....

.....

.....

A question I have from this viewpoint is...

.....

Created with LessonDino.com · AI lesson planner with checkable sources

Talk and Causes

Practice explaining comparisons and why they work.

Task C

/3

Finish the talk about a simile. Write what Student B says.

Student A My dog at the park was as **fast** as a **cheetah**!

Student B .....

Student A Yes! It ran past all the **other** dogs.

Student B .....

Student A Exactly. **Context** helps you know the **meaning**.

Student B .....

Task D

Think about why a comparison is clear or unclear.

Causes		Effects
Writer gives no context clues	→ **Comparisons are unclear** →	Reader feels confused
.....		.....
.....		.....
.....		.....

Created with LessonDino.com · AI lesson planner with checkable sources

Think and Swap

Show new thinking and make plain sentences better.

Task E

Show how your ideas about comparisons changed.

What similes and metaphors mean

I used to think...	Now I think...

Task F

/3

Swap each plain sentence for one with a comparison.

		Plain sentence		With simile or metaphor
1	Draw it	The room was messy.	- - - ➜	
2		The baby slept quietly.	- - - ➜	
3		Her smile was bright.	- - - ➜	

Created with LessonDino.com · AI lesson planner with checkable sources

Ask and Build

Answer questions and build sentences with meaning.

Task 6

/3

Help each student explain the comparison.



Student A

Mom says I am as **busy** as a **bee**. What does she mean?

.....

.....

The book says his heart is **gold**. What does that **mean**?



Student B

.....

.....



Student C

My brother is as **strong** as an **ox**. What does that mean?

.....

.....

Created with LessonDino.com · AI lesson planner with checkable sources

Pretty as a Picture

Task H

/3

Pick one box from each column to build a sentence.

The snow was	a white blanket	which means soft and covering all
Her smile was	as bright as the sun	which means happy and bright
The classroom was	a zoo	which means noisy and wild
		your own idea

Write three sentences

The snow was a white blanket which means soft and covering all.

How did I do?

Circle a face for each line.

I can tell a simile from a metaphor. ☹ 😐 ☺

I can explain what a simile or metaphor means in context. ☹ 😐 ☺

I can make a comparison with like, as, and is. ☹ 😐 ☺

Created with LessonDino.com · AI lesson planner with checkable sources

Answer sheet: Pretty as a Picture

Task A

1. a) She looks very pretty.
2. b) The test was very easy.
3. b) The room is noisy and wild.
4. a) Snow covered everything soft and white.

Task B

Answers will vary.

Task C

1. Student B: Wow! Do you mean it ran very fast?
2. Student B: So the simile means super fast, like a cheetah.
3. Student B: Thanks! Now I get the picture in my mind.

Task D

Causes: Writer gives no context clues; Reader does not know the second thing; Reader misses the words like or as

Effects: Reader feels confused; Picture in the mind is weak; Story feels boring

Task E

Answers will vary.

Task F

1. The room was messy. → The room was a pigsty.
2. The baby slept quietly. → The baby slept as quietly as a mouse.
3. Her smile was bright. → Her smile was as bright as the sun.

Task G

1. Student A: She means you are working hard and fast.
2. Student B: It means he is very kind and good.
3. Student C: It means he is very strong.

Task H

Answers will vary, e.g. The snow was a white blanket which means soft and covering all. Her smile was as bright as the sun which means happy and bright.

Pictures: Pictograms: Sergio Palao, ARASAAC (arasaac.org) · CC BY-NC-SA; Microsoft Fluent Emoji (MIT); Characters: Open Peeps by Pablo Stanley (CC0)

Created with LessonDino.com · AI lesson planner with checkable sources