

Secrets From Great Writers!

THIS MONTH'S SECRET: SIMILES AND METAPHORS

Similes and metaphors are both ways of describing something by comparing it to something else. The difference: a simile includes the words "like" or "as." A metaphor does not. In his story "The Spider Woman," author Burkhard Bilger uses both similes and metaphors to make his descriptions come to life. In this activity, you will practice using them.

Directions: Read each statement and answer the corresponding questions.

1. Spiders are the X-men of the animal world.

Is this a simile or a metaphor? How can you tell?

What does it mean?

Write a metaphor of your own that expresses the same idea.

2. She moves with a spring in her step, like a cheerleader.

Is this a simile or a metaphor? How can you tell?

What does it mean?

Write a simile of your own that expresses the same idea.
