

# A Poem Is a Ray of Sunshine.

**The sentence above is a metaphor—a statement in which an author describes something by calling it something else. You’re probably using metaphors without knowing it—like when your little brother throws his dirty sock at you, and you say, “You’re a monster!” You don’t mean that he has green skin and claws. You are comparing him to something monstrous to make your point.**

**This activity will help you become a metaphor pro.**

**Directions:** For each item listed below, think of a metaphor that will help you describe it in a new and interesting way.

1. My family is my rock.
2. This ice cream is \_\_\_\_\_
3. School is \_\_\_\_\_
4. I am \_\_\_\_\_

**Now, explain how each metaphor works.  
What does the comparison tell you about the original object?**

1. You love your family and know they are always there for you.  
They are solid and never budge, like a rock.
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Write Now!

Pick your favorite metaphor from your list above and write a short poem about it, using “A Circle of Sun” as a model. Use a separate piece of paper.