


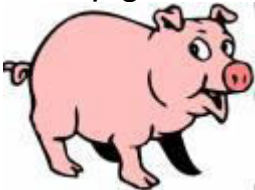
Metaphors

Aim: To learn to identify and create metaphors

Metaphors are imagery techniques. A metaphor is a word compared to another word **without using _____ or _____**, to create an image in the reader's imagination.

A metaphor also states something is something it is not, to create an effect.

For example:

Metaphor	Image	Effect
You are the sunshine of my life	The sun 	The person being talked about makes the writer very happy.
What a greedy pig!	A fat pig 	Someone is eating too much and too quickly!

Activity 1

Fill in the gaps in the table below:

Metaphor	Image	Effect
The boy was a couch potato!		
My best friend is a star!		

I'll go out with you when pigs fly!		
The girl was a rose among thorns		

Activity 2

Turn these similes into metaphors:

a) The girl was as beautiful as a princess.

b) The Hoover moaned like an old woman.

c) The man with an injured ankle hopped like a kangaroo.

d) The woman sang like an angel.

e) The greyhound ran as fast as a speeding bullet.

f) Explain the difference between a simile and a metaphor

Activity 3

What to the following metaphors mean?

Road Hog _____

Couch Potato _____

Rug Rat _____

Activity 4

Work out what these funny metaphors really mean:

a) "I'll work until beer o'clock"

I think this metaphor really means _____

b) "McMurphy fell 12 stories and hit the pavement. He turned into a paper bag filled with vegetable soup!"

I think this metaphor really means _____

c) "A man without a woman is a fish without a bicycle."

I think this metaphor really means _____

d) "All the world's a stage"

I think this metaphor really means _____
