A METAPHOR IS . . .

met*a*phor: a figure of speech containing an implied comparison, in which a word or phrase ordinarily and primarily used of one thing is applied to another.

met*a-: changed in position or form, altered, transposed

sim*i*le: a figure of speech in which one thing is likened to another, dissimilar thing by use of like, as, etc.

Below are some words that can be expressed as metaphors. Write a metaphor for each of first nine examples. If you are having trouble, first think of the qualities you want to emphasize in the metaphor. Now think about the person, creature, or thing that embodies those qualities. If you are not happy with a metaphor, add a second or third. When you have finished the first nine, share your metaphors. Describe what you were trying to accomplish with your metaphor. Avoid using cliches or phrases that come to mind easily, like “mad as a wet hen” or “as beautiful as a summer’s evening” or “pretty as a picture.”

1. Work is . . .

2. A WMU freshman is . . .

3. A metaphor is . . .

4. Western Michigan University is . . .

5. Cafeteria food is . . .

6. Summer is . . .

7. Mother Teresa was . . .

8. George W. Bush is . . .

9. My profile subject is . . .

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