

An **analogy** is a literary device that compares the similar qualities of two different things.

- **Analogies** are used by authors to paint a more **vivid picture** of **people, places, and things**.

Two things being compared: white mares ₂ and clouds	Impact on Meaning
<p style="text-align: center;">Night Clouds by Amy Lowell</p> <p>The white mares of the moon rush along the sky Beating their golden hoofs upon the glass heavens; The white mares of the moon are all standing on their hind legs Pawing at the green porcelain doors of the remote heavens. Fly, Mares! Strain your utmost Scatter the milky dust of stars, Or the tiger sun will leap upon you and destroy you With one lick of his vermilion₅ tongue.</p>	<p>The image of white mares is used to create a picture in the reader's mind of the look and behavior of the clouds on a moonlit night.</p>



Which example below is an analogy?

- A** Celia's eyes shine bright in the sunlight.
B Celia's eyes are jewels that sparkle in the sunlight.

In your own words what is an analogy?

"An analogy is _____."

1. Read the poem.
2. Identify two things being compared in the analogy. (write)
3. Identify words that suggest the comparison. (underline)
4. Identify what qualities the two things being compared have in common. (write)
5. Analyze the impact of the analogy. (write)

Fame is a bee

by Emily Dickinson

Fame is a bee.
 It has a song –
 It has a sting –
 Ah, too, it has a wing.

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_____ and _____

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Therefore, the similar qualities of _____ are:

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**“Hope” is the thing with
feathers –**

by Emily Dickinson

"Hope" is the thing with
feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune
without the words,
And never stops at all,

And sweetest in the gale,
is heard;
And sore must be the
storm
That could abash₂ the
little bird
That kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chilliest
land
And on the strangest sea;
Yet, never, in extremity,
It asked a crumb of me.

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Fireflies in the Garden

by Robert Frost

Here come real stars to fill
 the upper skies,
 And here on earth come
 emulating¹ flies,
 That though they never
 equal stars in size,
 (And they were never
 really stars at heart)
 Achieve at times a very
 star-like start.
 Only, of course, they can't
 sustain² the part.

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Concept Closure

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Cedric thinks that "star-like start" means that fireflies can be first seen in the early evening. Do you agree with him? Explain your answer.

Summary Closure

What did you learn today about analyzing the impact of analogies?

Word Bank

- analogy
- comparison
- similar
- qualities
- impact

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excerpt from **The Flower of Liberty**

by Oliver Wendell Holmes

What flower is this that
 greets the morn,
 Its hues from Heaven so
 freshly born?
 With burning star and
 flaming band
 It kindles₁ all the sunset
 land:
 Oh tell us what its name
 may be,--
 Is this the Flower of
 Liberty?

In savage₂ Nature's far
 abode₃
 Its tender seed our fathers
 sowed₄;
 The storm-winds rocked its
 swelling bud,
 Its opening leaves were
 streaked with blood,
 Till lo! earth's tyrants shook
 to see
 The full-blown Flower of
 Liberty!
 Then hail the banner of
 the free,
 The starry Flower of
 Liberty!

Two things being compared:

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"Fireworks"

by Amy Lowell

You hate me and I hate you
And we are so polite, we
two!

But whenever I see you, I
burst apart
And scatter the sky with my
blazing heart.

It spits and sparkles in the
stars and balls,
Buds into roses - and flares,
and falls.

Scarlet buttons, and pale
green disks,
Silver spirals and asterisks,
Shoot and tremble in a mist
Peppered with **mauve** and
amethyst.

I shine in the windows and
light up the trees,
And all because I hate you,
if you please.

And when you meet me,
you rend asunder,
And go up in a flaming
wonder
Of **saffron** cubes, and
crimson moons,
And wheels all **amaranths**
and **maroons**.

Golden lozenges and
spades,
Arrows of **malachites** and
jades,
Patens of **copper**, **azure**
sheaves.
As you mount, you flash in
the glossy leaves.
Such fireworks as we make,
we two!
Because you hate me and I
hate you.

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Write a response.

In the poem "Fireworks", explain how the use of colors and imagery impact the analogy in the poem. Would comparing hatred and anger to a tornado or a volcano be a good analogy? Explain your answer.

Languages

by Carl Sandburg

There are no handles upon
 a language
 Whereby men take hold of it
 And mark it with signs for its
 remembrance.
 It is a river, this language,
 Once in a thousand years
 Breaking a new course
 Changing its way to the
 ocean.
 It is mountain effluvia₁
 Moving to valleys
 And from nation to nation
 Crossing borders and mixing.
 Languages die like rivers.
 Words wrapped round your
 tongue today
 And broken to shape of
 thought
 Between your teeth and lips
 speaking
 Now and today
 Shall be faded
 hieroglyphics₂
 Ten thousand years from
 now. .

excerpt from **Daisy Time**
 by Marjorie Pickthall

See, the grass is full of stars,
 Fallen in their brightness;
Hearts they have of shining
gold,
Rays of shining whiteness.
 Blow, O blow, you happy winds,
 Singing summer's praises,
 Up the field and down the field
 A-dancing with the daisies.

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Write a response.

Analyze the underlined words or phrases to determine the analogy in the poem, **Daisy Time**.

“O Captain! My Captain!”

by Walt Whitman

O Captain! my Captain! our
fearful trip is done;
 The ship has weather'd every
 rack, the prize we sought is
 won;
 The port is near, the bells I
 hear, the people all exulting¹,
 While follow eyes the steady
 keel², the vessel grim and
 daring:
 But O heart! heart! heart!
 O the bleeding drops of red,
 Where on the deck my
 Captain lies,
 Fallen cold and dead.
 O Captain! my Captain! rise
 up and hear the bells;
 Rise up—for you the flag is
 flung—for you the bugle trills;
 For you bouquets and
 ribbon'd wreaths—for you the
 shores a-crowding;
 For you they call, the swaying
 mass, their eager faces
 turning;
 Here Captain! dear father!
 This arm beneath your head;
 It is some dream that on the
 deck,
 You've fallen cold and dead.
 My Captain does not answer,
 his lips are pale and still;
 My father does not feel my
 arm, he has no pulse nor will;
 The ship is anchor'd safe and
 sound, its voyage closed and
 done;
 From fearful trip, the victor
 ship, comes in with object
 won;
 Exult, O shores, and ring, O
 bells!
 But I, with mournful tread,
 Walk the deck my Captain
 lies,
 Fallen cold and dead.

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Write a response.

Students analyze Walt Whitman's "O Captain! My Captain!" to uncover the poem's analogies and allusions. Analyze the impact of specific word choices by Whitman, such as rack and grim, and determine how they contribute to the overall meaning and tone of the poem.
