

Writing Workshop Mini Lesson: Similes



A simile compares two different things using the words “like” or “as” to improve and enhance the image created in the reader’s mind

Here are some examples from Maniac Magee

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“Jeffrey fell to his knees. He and Amanda and the suitcase were like a rock in a stream: the school-goers just flowed to the left and right around them”

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(Amanda tosses a book to Jeffrey) “The book came flapping like a wounded duck and fell at Jeffrey’s feet”

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(Jeffrey rescues Arnold Jones) “Maniac stuck the book between his teeth, crouched down, hoisted Arnold Jones’s limp carcass over his shoulder, and hauled him out of there like a sack of flour.”

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“Mars Bar’s eyes were as big as headlights”

Pick one of the examples above and draw a sketch of the image that the simile puts in your mind.

