

Garden Word Pictures

Find comparisons and explain the pictures they create.

4L5.a "Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors in context."

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each simile and circle each metaphor, then number them in order so you can explain what each comparison helps you picture.

A Morning at the Garden

- ① On Saturday, Lena arrived at the community garden with her grandfather. Dew sparkled on the bean leaves like tiny glass beads. Lena carried a bucket, while Grandpa pushed a wheelbarrow along the narrow path. The garden was a patchwork quilt of green beds, orange marigolds, and purple flowers. Bees hummed near the sunflowers beside the fence.
- ② Lena loosened soil around the tomato plants and tucked in small basil seedlings. By noon, the sun was a blazing oven above the beds. Lena drank water in the shade. Her grandfather smiled and said, "Your hands are little shovels today." Lena used her fingers to make holes for the last seedlings in neat rows.
- ③ Later, dark clouds gathered beyond the trees. Rain tapped the shed roof like a drummer practicing a beat. Lena and Grandpa carried tools inside before the storm began. When the rain ended, the thirsty garden drank every drop. Lena watched puddles shine between the beds and planned what she would plant next week with care.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What does the simile “like tiny glass beads” mean about the dew?

2 What does the metaphor “The garden was a patchwork quilt” mean?

3 What does “the sun was a blazing oven” mean about the weather at noon?

4 What does Grandpa mean when he says Lena’s hands are “little shovels”?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write four sentences about an outdoor place or activity. In sentence 1, use a simile. In sentence 2, explain its meaning. In sentence 3, use a metaphor. In sentence 4, explain its meaning.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each simile and circle each metaphor, then number them in order so you can explain what each comparison helps you picture. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does the simile “like tiny glass beads” mean about the dew?	The dew was made of small drops that shone or sparkled brightly.
2	What does the metaphor “The garden was a patchwork quilt” mean?	The garden had many different sections and colors close together, like pieces of a quilt.
3	What does “the sun was a blazing oven” mean about the weather at noon?	The sun was very hot.
4	What does Grandpa mean when he says Lena’s hands are “little shovels”?	Lena was using her fingers or hands to dig small holes in the soil.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The playground slide gleamed like silver in the sun. This means the slide shone brightly. The swings were birds lifting into the air. This means the swings moved high above the ground as if they were flying.

Accept sensible explanations that connect each comparison to a quality in the passage, such as brightness, heat, color, shape, or action. For Your Turn, accept any original simile and metaphor with accurate explanations.