

# Understanding imagery



"I wandered lonely as a cloud" – W. Wordsworth

**Similes** make comparisons between two things, commonly using 'like' or 'as' to connect the two.

**Metaphors** describe things using words that would normally be applied to something else. They are not meant to be literal. Metaphors 'carry across' or 'transfer' meaning from one word to another.

**Activity:** Are these quotes metaphors or similes?

Add two more examples of each from your own reading.

Quote	Simile	Metaphor
"I wandered lonely as a cloud" (From <i>Daffodils</i> by William Wordsworth)	✓	
"The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas" (From <i>The Highwayman</i> by Alfred Noyes)		
"An emerald is as green as grass" (From <i>Flint</i> by Christina Rossetti)		
"He was my North, my South, my East and West, My working week and my Sunday rest" (From <i>Stop all the clocks</i> by W H Auden)		
"All the world's a stage" (From <i>As You Like It</i> by William Shakespeare)		
"And like a thunderbolt he falls" (From <i>Eagle</i> by Alfred Lord Tennyson)		

Two other **similes**:

Two other **metaphors**: