



METAPHORS

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WHAT ARE METAPHORS?

- DEFINITION
 - A metaphor is a method of describing something in a way that is not literally true but that helps explain an idea
 - EFFECTS
 - Helps us see the world through the eyes of the speaker
 - Helps us visualise and understand an idea
 - Give us a new perspective of something
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ADJECTIVE + NOUN

Towering arches, treacherous love, thorny atmosphere, jagged peace, razor-sharp brilliance, impenetrable faith, fragile silence, fragile beauty, forgotten memories, deafening silence, razor-sharp atmosphere, hobbled minds, overlooked abilities, tangled dreams

NOUN + IS/ARE/WAS/WERE + NOUN

His feet were ice, love is barbed-wire, hate is darkness, anger is chaos, loyalty is gold, beauty is fragile, racism is hate, love is peace

NOUN + PREPOSITION + NOUN

A carpet of snowflakes, a mist of darkness, a valley of fire, a waterfall of fire, a stream of hate, the city of roaring hate, the village of prickly love, factories of fiery anger, factories of razor-sharp brilliance, oceans of fire, sea of hate, sea of love, ocean of hate, ocean of love, an atmosphere of love, an atmosphere of hate, an atmosphere of peace, city of silence, hall of death, hall of hopelessness

VERB + PREPOSITION + NOUN





Shielded by love, devoured by hate, surrounded by love, surrounded by brilliance, healed by peace, destroyed by hate, sculpted by love, sculpted by brilliance, swallowed by greed, swallowed by fear, shielded by friendship, surrounded by hateful faces, overlooked by ignorance, the darkness in his face was being fed by the silence in his mind

MORE COMPLEX METAPHORS

Impenetrable love swallows hate, belief shields love, forgotten memories crowded his mind, mountains of memorised facts crowded his mind, forgotten memories floated around in the abyss of my fears, hope was swallowed by despair

Factories crowded the village, snowflakes shimmered,

Granite belief, fire waterfalls, snowflake blanket, snowflake carpet, justice house, mist city, love memories, worker factories of the 19th century

Reached for hope, grabbed hope, swallowed hope,

Shattered the silence, shattered dreams, hobbled dreams,

Erupted with anger, shimmered with brilliance,

Erupted in anger, lost in greed, lost in confusion, lost in pride, shuffled in panic, knotted in panic, tangled in love, tangled in hate, hidden in silence,

BAD METAPHORS

Slippery fire, scary applause,

Erupted by strings, tangled by strings, thundered by hate, a city of hopelessness death,

Graffiti feet

METAPHORS WRITTEN BY PROFESSIONAL AUTHORS

- 'And all of a sudden, he broke out in a great flame of anger' - *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- The publication of *The Hawk in the Rain* (1957) was to launch a new poet into the public consciousness.
- The emerging threat to football's giants.





- After three years of regular dominance in Formula 1, the series has booted the rulebook out of the nearest window for a season that also brings a reshuffle at the series' big three teams.
- Getting a literature Ph.D. will turn you into an emotional trainwreck, not a professor.
- 'Allow imaginations to lead': igniting the creative spark in young writers
- Is there still time to save the Open University from slow strangulation?
- The report that the Open University plans to axe more than a third of its courses and slash its teaching staff makes grim reading for anyone who cares about the consequences for its original mission of making tertiary education open to all.
- It was indeed a week of chilling coincidences.
- March 23 is a date scorched in our memories
- Unlike previous wars, World War One was the first total war in which whole nations and not just professional armies were locked in mortal combat.
- *wind wielded blade-light* (*Wind*, Ted Hughes)
- *fog slept on the wing above the drowned city* (*Charles Dickens*)
- *forests of the night* (*Tiger, Tiger*, William Blake)
- *Heavenly Hillsboro, the buckle on the bible belt* (*inherit the Wind*, Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee)
- *boiling mountains of snow white cloud* (*Space Shot*, Gareth Owen)
- *liquid sun* (*Blessing*, Imtiaz Dharker)
- *if you so much as loosen your seatbelt or drop your ashes or pick your nose, then it's an Alcatraz autopsy with the questions asked later* (*Money*, Martin Amis)
- *flight... through the bones of the living'*, (*Hawk*, Ted Hughes)
- *crumbs of gossip*, (*An Old Woman*, R S Thomas),
- *cold-footed useless swine*, (*The Hero*, Siegfried Sassoon)
- *All the world's a stage*, (*As You Like It*, Shakespeare)
- *be the serpent* (*Macbeth*, Shakespeare)





PARTS OF SPEECH

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adjectives	prepositions	nouns	verbs
Towering, bronze, white, fiery, impenetrable, shadowy, treacherous, frozen, slippery, ancient, forgotten, deafening, smooth, roaring, thorny, prickly, razor-sharp, wrinkled, soft, jagged, deadly, vicious, elephantine, new, modern, torn, dazzling, sleek, smooth, painful, fragile, tangled	By, of, in, on	Snowflakes, carpet, darkness, fire, waterfalls, streams, blanket, valleys, arches, mist, ice, snow, leaves, earth, feet, graffiti, factories, love, hate, barbed wire, anger, village, city, houses, cars, talons, ocean, wall, atmosphere, proportions, appetite, peace, brilliance, belief, granite, silence, beauty, hope, greed, pride, misogyny, loyalty, justice, fear, corruption, carbon fibre, mind, stomach, hands, fists, knees, misery, grief, pain, despair, tears, sobs, failure, pressure, mind	Knotted, tangled, thundered, erupted, shimmered, sculpted, hidden, surrounded, split, swallowed, plummeted, veered, wound, sprawled, overlooked, shielded, crowded, shuffled, grabbed, curved, swung, spat, slammed, filled, devoured, forged, shivered, shuddered, thrashed, hobbled, buckled, slumped, welled, poured, spilled

