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Using Similes and Metaphors to Create Strange Images
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I used a poem I wrote called Performance as the starting point. I read it aloud with my class and we tried to identify the similes and metaphors. You could remove them all just to see how it would sound.

PERFORMANCE

My heart was like a beating drum
A herd of buffalo in my tum'.
My head was banging, clanging, whanging.

Goose bumps like mole hills on my neck.
Doubt like a pterodactyl's peck.
My toes were twitching, itching, gritching.

I had to walk out on that stage.
Like one against a dragon's rage.
A sea of eyes all waiting, watching, watching.

Heart jumping like a kangaroo.
Would I remember what to do?
Then on..

It's as if I am
a little flea.
Staring right down
and watching me.
Then hearing cheering, cheering, cheering.

My chest is puffing out with pride
As if I've swallowed up Strathclyde
My head is grinning, spinning, zinging.

My mind is doing summersaults.
I am up as high as astronauts.
My eyes are gleaming, streaming, dreaming.

Mrs. Z. Moore: Now it is your turn. Think of this apparatus as a giant MadLib—poetry style!!! You will be utilizing your grammar, mechanics, spelling, and all your figurative language skills as it relates to similes and metaphors. Body nouns can include parts, can be anything such as: limbs, organs, or features (for example: toes, arms, heart, lungs, hair, lips, burp, breath, etc.) Try this writing this poem two times. First work with a partner as a Mad Lib; then (second) alone with intention. Which one did you like the best?

TITLE: _____(do last)

My (Noun) _____ was (simile or metaphor) _____
(Extend for line two...describe what the simile/metaphor noun is doing). _____

My (noun, body part) was ---ing, ---ing, ---ing.

Concrete noun +Simile.

Abstract noun + simile.

My (Nouns) were (verbs) ---ing, ----ing, ---ing.

I had to (verb) out (where).

(extend for line two ...describe what or why you were doing something or were somewhere).

Metaphor + ----ing, ----ing, ---ing.

(Body organ) + Verb + like _____ noun.

Ask a question?

Then on..

It's as if I am a _____.

Verb = (where) and verb = me.

Then verb 1, verb 2, verb 2, verb 2.

My (body part) is (verb) with (abstract noun)

As if I've (verb +phrase)

My head is ---ing, ---ing, ---ing.

My mind (verb + doing what?).

I am + simillie.

My eyes are ----ing---ing, ----ing.