What are metaphors?

- A metaphor makes comparisons to describe something <u>as if it were something else</u>.
- Metaphors do not include the words: 'like' or 'as'.

Metaphors can enhance writing in many ways which is why many authors use them. For example:

1. **To help create an image in the reader's mind. For example:**

"Her eyes were a sparkling pond."

The comparison of eyes to a pond helps the reader see just how beautiful the eyes are.

2. **To use a topic the reader's recognise in order to help them understand a concept. For example:**

"The girl was a swan when she performed on stage."

The comparison helps us to understand that the girl was elegant when she performed on the stage.

3. **Make the writing more interesting for the reader.**

"As he walked across the carpet of gold satin, his feet felt warmer than ever."

The comparison helps us to visualise the sand which makes it more interesting than describing the sand as 'golden'.