L.O. To understand metaphors, similes and personification.

Similes

Similes describe something by comparing one thing to another, always using like, or as.

The children crept, quietly <u>as</u> mice. The stars sparkled <u>like</u> diamonds in the sky. The engine roared <u>like</u> a lion. The wind howled <u>as</u> if it were an angry wolf.

Now, try writing your own to describe a storm...

Similes

Your example could read like:

The rain from the storm clattered to the ground <u>like</u> marbles spilling from a box.

The word <u>like</u> is being used to compare the rain to the marbles.

Metaphors

Metaphors describe something by saying it is something else, without using like or as.

The children **were** silent mice. The King **was a** furious lion. The trees **were a** prison, trapping the boy. The stars **were** diamonds twinkling in the sky.

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Metaphors

Your example could read like:

The rain was an avalanche falling from the sky.

The amount of rain is compared to the motion of an avalanche.

Personification

Personification describes something by giving it a human feature. We use verbs (action words) that would usually describe a person's action.

The ship **shivered** at the bottom of the sea. The grass **tickled** her ankles as she walked. The sun hid **silently** behind a huge grey cloud. The wind **dashed** silently through the alleyways.

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Personification

Your example could read like:

The angry waves **smacked** against the side of the boat.

'Smacked' is a verb you would use to describe a person's action

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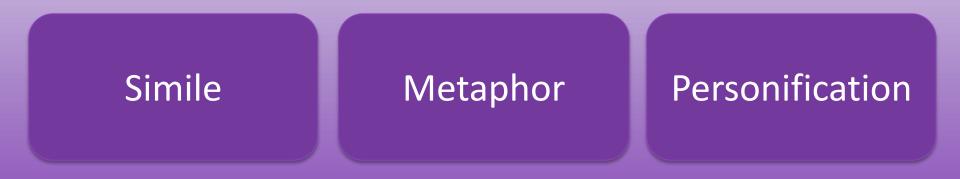
Remember:

A metaphor says that something is something else.

Let's move on...

Is this a simile, a metaphor or personification?

The snow shimmered like glitter.



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The snow shimmered like glitter.



Remember:

A simile compares one thing to another using like or as.

Let's try the next one...

Is this a simile, a metaphor or personification?

The boy was a fierce tiger, prowling through the forest.



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Remember: A metaphor says that something is something else.

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The branches clung on to the girl, refusing to let go.



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Remember:

Personification is when we compare things or animals to people, giving them human features and traits.

The branches clung on to the girl.....

Let's recap...

Remember, a <u>simile</u> contains <u>like or as</u>. A <u>metaphor</u> says that <u>something is something else</u>. <u>Personification</u> gives something <u>human features</u>.

