

## Using metaphors

For today's poem, we are going to be using another list of ideas, using the phrase 'You are' which helps us to think of metaphors.

A metaphor is stronger than a simile. It is when you say that one thing is another thing.

### Examples:

**Simile** - The moon is like a smile.

**Metaphor** - The moon is a smile.

**Simile** - The wind is like a wolf.

**Metaphor** - The wind is a wolf.

Start by reading this poem or listening to it here:

<https://soundcloud.com/talkforwriting/you-are/s-dvnHTD8ZzH3>

### **You Are**

You are a soft sofa and comforting cushions.  
You are a wolfhound panting after a run.  
You are a cat stretching his curious claws.  
You are a red bus slowing to a full stop.  
You are an ancient oak tree, gnarled and misshapen.  
You are an ice cream cone with two flakes at different angles.  
You are clouds of sheep on a hillside.  
You are sunlight sleeping on a windowsill.  
You are the Tardis travelling to an unexpected destination.  
You are the squeak of a hinge that needs oiling.  
You are the moment after a sigh.  
You are the worker bee hovering outside the hive.  
You are the gurgle gargling in a drain.  
You are the scratching of fingernails on wood.  
You are anger spun into a knot.  
You are the sadness of 'never again'.  
You are the nettle sting of a lasting lie.  
You are the smell of chips and vinegar on a frosty night.  
  
You are a solitary cloud lost in blue sky.  
You are the moment between laughter exploding  
and its sudden end with an intake of knowledge.

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Add to the ideas list below to help you get many different ideas. You don't have to use all of them. Try to think of some unusual ones!

*Birds*      *sounds*      *animals*      *types of food*

*Fish or water creatures      natural things*

*Insects*      *things from a story*      *plants*

*Delicate or soft things*                      *vehicles*

*Shiny or bright things*      *coloured things*

*feelings*                      *places*                      *memories*

*objects*

To write the lines of your poem, start with an idea.

For example: You are...a cat.

Then extend the idea thinking about what it looks like or is doing:

You are a sleek cat curled asleep in the corner of the kitchen.

Now you try 😊