

Write down the following language features from the poems you have read.

RECALL

Four verbs

Three nouns

Two examples of using the sense taste.

Four adjectives

# LO: TO USE METAPHORS EFFECTIVELY.

Some will even write metaphors describing objects from their house.

Some will find metaphors in the poems.

Most will explain real meaning of metaphors.

All will find examples of metaphors.

# GUIDED PRACTICE

Today you will learn what metaphors are.

**METAPHORS:** We use metaphors to describe things as something different and suggesting that it has similar qualities to that thing.

The moon's a balloon.

When you use metaphors, you want your reader to imagine what the object looks, feels, sounds or smells like. You do not compare things like in similes so you don't use "like" and "as...as".

The lawn is a forest. - It is a metaphor because we know that the grass can't be a forest but we might imagine it as being very tall and overgrown.

# ALL THE POEMS.

Read the following poem and answer the questions.

## **The Red Boat**

There goes the Sun,  
    slowly sailing by,  
        like a red boat  
                on the ocean of the sky.

There goes the Sun,  
    all day through,  
        a red boat sailing,  
                across its sea of blue.

## **All your secrets**

I am your phone  
I'm your best friend  
When I summon you with a jolly tune  
You jump to answer  
I listen in to all your conversations  
And hear all your secrets  
I am the fount of all knowledge  
Ask me the day, date and time, what the weather is like in Outer  
Mongolia and how many stones are on Brighton beach  
And I will tell you  
I show you yourself  
I am indispensable  
But beware!  
One day I may slip from your back pocket  
And reveal all your secrets to the world.

## Sweet

Although you are smooth and creamy,  
although you are sugary sweet,  
although you are wrapped like a present,  
although you are delicious to eat,  
you're down in the dark of my pocket  
as if you're a nugget of treasure.  
I'm saving you up for a magical moment,  
so as to double the pleasure.

## Front door

Wherever I have lived,  
walking out of the front door  
every morning  
means crossing over  
to a foreign country.  
One language inside the house,  
another out.  
The food and clothes  
and customs change.  
The fingers on my hand turn  
into forks.  
I call it adaptation  
when my tongue switches  
from one grammar to another,  
but the truth is I'm addicted now,  
high on the rush  
of daily displacement,  
speeding to a different time zone,  
heading into altered weather,  
landing as another person.  
Don't think I haven't noticed  
you're on the same trip too.

# Bear

Tucked underneath my arm,  
A pillow of caramel calm  
With white peaceful paws  
Soft and squidgy  
Like melting marshmallow  
As I drift dreamily into sleep.  
Soothing silky satin bow. Bright  
around his neck  
Reassuringly frayed at the ends  
Comforting cotton between my  
finger and thumb  
A cuddle of warmth.  
by Catherine Casey

# INTELLIGENT PRACTICE



Look at each sentence and underline the sentences with METAPHORS.

1. I wandered as lonely as a cloud.
2. Education is your passport to a good job.
3. This car is a monster.
4. The players are snails.
5. The players are slow like tortoises.
6. His eyes are blue
7. The sea is a mirror to the clouds.
8. Darkness is a swallowed night.
9. My room is very messy.
10. The wind was a whip.
11. The truck flew down the highway.
12. His ears pop like champagne corks.

# INTELLIGENT PRACTICE



Complete the table. Draw the picture of the metaphor and explain what the metaphor really means. An example has been done for you.

<b><u>picture</u></b>				
<b><u>metaphor</u></b>	It's raining cats and dogs.	He has a heart of stone.	You are the apple of my eye.	You better pull your socks up.
<b><u>meaning</u></b>	It's raining heavily.			
<b><u>picture</u></b>				
<b><u>metaphor</u></b>	She had her heart broken.	His legs turned to jelly.	I am Titanium.	His mind was on fire.
<b><u>meaning</u></b>				

# INTELLIGENT PRACTICE



Write down metaphors from each poem, then explain what they mean.

Title of a poem	Metaphors.	Explanation
Red Boat		
All your secrets.		
Sweet		
Front door		
Bear		

# DIVE DEEPER.

Look around your house at different objects and write metaphors describing five of them. There has to be one metaphor for each object. Then, explain why you used this metaphor.