

L.4.5.a

This ELA unit provides resources to use while teaching the standard **L.4.5.a**, which states that students will be able to

“Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors (e.g., *as pretty as a picture*) in context.”



Using This Unit

Let's look at the structure of this unit.

Lesson Plans

- The lesson plans in these language units usually range between 5-7 steps. Depending on how long you have for mini lessons for Language, you can choose how to break the steps apart. You can teach it over 2 days, or you could stretch the steps out over 5 days. It all depends on the time you have allotted for Language. I suggest at least 10 minutes for your daily lesson, then 15-20 minutes (or more) for practice time. Putting your activities together may take a week to complete.

Graphic Organizers

- These can be used throughout the unit as you see fit. You can use them with your lessons if you need more or use them within their partner/independent time.

Centers & Interactive Notebook Pieces

- These can be used throughout the unit as you see fit, too. They can be used during group work, down time, or however they fit into your current ELA block structure.

Assessment

- There is one informal assessment activity at the end of the lesson plan. When you're finished teaching your unit, use this assessment with your students.

Mini Lessons

There is a lesson plan outline in this unit. There are five steps within this unit, which may take about a week to complete, depending on how long your ELA block is. Activities range from group work, partner activities, whole group lessons, and independent activities.

4th Grade Language Lesson

L.4.5.c

I can explain the meaning of metaphors.

Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors (e.g., "pretty as a picture") in context.

Vocabulary: figurative language, simile, metaphor

Materials: Anchor charts, Classroom comparison, Song lyric cards, Sorting activity

Metaphors in Music

Draw a Metaphor Song Card. Read the lines from these famous songs. Interpret and discuss their meaning.

"Life is a Highway, I want to ride it all night long."
"Life is a Highway" by Rascal Flatts

"You're a Firework."
"Firework" by Katy Perry

Simile

A simile is a comparison of two unlike things using "like" or "as."

"It's been a long day without you, my friend."
"See You Again" by Wiz Khalifa & Charlie Puth

"I'm a hot air balloon go to space."
"Happy" by Pharrell

"My heart's a star for you so list."
"Stereo Hearts" by Maroon 5

"Your soul could never be lit."
"Thinking Out Loud" by Ed Sheeran

Metaphor

A metaphor is a comparison of two things. The comparison is made by saying one thing is another thing.

"You ain't nothin' but a hound dog, cryin' all the time."
"Hound Dog" by Elvis

"This girl is on fire... Looks like a girl, but she's a flame."
"Girl on Fire" by Alicia Keys

"Fairy Tale" by Taylor Swift

Classroom

Create similes and metaphors by...

EXAMPLE:

The computer is as old as a dinosaur.

Similes in Songs

Draw a Simile Song Card. Read the lines from these famous songs. Interpret and discuss their meaning.

"You're as cuddly as a fox."
"You're a Mean One" by The Broomsticks

"Steven is as sly as a fox."

"My dad is strong like a gorilla."

"My grandma says I am as sweet as pie."

"The library is my amusement park."

"They are two peas in a pod."

"The directions were as clear as mud."

"The water was as smooth as glass."

"My big brother is a couch potato."

"The stars are diamonds sparkling in the sky."

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Classroom Comparisons

Create a class page that displays a positive attribute or trait for each student in your class. Draw a picture and write a simile or metaphor.

Example: Bruno, Shy as a fish

"I'm like a bird, I'll only fly away."
"I'm Like a Bird" by Nelly Furtado

"...and one thought crystallizes like an icy blast."
"Let It Go" from Frozen

Classroom Comparisons









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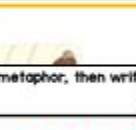

Centers

On top of the lesson plans you get for the L.K unit, you also get centers that will help you teach this unit. These can be used during this unit AND reused throughout the year as review.



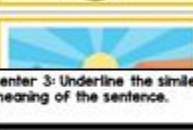

Center 1: Draw a task card, read the sentence aloud, then circle if it is a simile or metaphor. L.4.5.a

<p>Kelisha's new dress that she got at the store would make her look as regal as the Queen.</p>  <p>simile metaphor</p>	<p>My aunt made me dinner for a week when my mom was away because her heart was as big as the ocean.</p>  <p>simile metaphor</p>	<p>My brother's brain is a calculator, so I always ask him for help with my math homework.</p>  <p>simile metaphor</p>	<p>Jayden wants to run first, quick as a flash.</p>  <p>simile metaphor</p>
<p>Santa is a pig- I watched him eat three cookies in a row before putting our stockings away.</p>  <p>simile metaphor</p>	<p>My mom told me I finished with chores as fast as a cheetah.</p>  <p>simile metaphor</p>	<p>Gage's baby brother was as light as a feather when he held him for the first time.</p>  <p>simile metaphor</p>	<p>My older cousin's life is as short as a firefly.</p>  <p>simile metaphor</p>


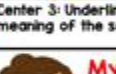










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Center 3: Underline the simile or metaphor, then write the meaning of the sentence. L.4.5.a

 <p>The moon is a big, white balloon in the sky tonight.</p>	 <p>My teacher tells us time reading because are keys to our imagination.</p>
 <p>Ever since Evan started going to the dentist regularly, his teeth were as white as snow.</p>	 <p>The pirate girl was as pie, always doing for her ship.</p>
 <p>When the alligator opened his mouth, we saw that his teeth were white daggers.</p>	 <p>I need to hurry up because today, time is flying.</p>
 <p>Weight and measurement is my favorite topic, so I thought this lesson was as easy as ABC.</p>	 <p>Haley read a book because the rest of the class was as cold as ice.</p>
 <p>"This basement is a refrigerator, can we turn the heat on?" I asked.</p>	 <p>I heard bacon sizzling in the hall and it was making my ears ring.</p>
 <p>The ground in the desert is as dry as a bone, since it has never seen much rain.</p>	 <p>Hayden was as proud as a peacock when he won the skateboarding contest.</p>

Extra Resources

On top of the lesson plans you get for the L.K unit, you also get interactive notebook pieces and graphic organizers that will help you teach this unit. These can be used during this unit AND reused throughout the year as review.

Similes and Metaphors

Name: _____ L4.5.a

Underline the simile or metaphor in each sentence, then write the two objects being compared.

After sitting in the hot sun all day, my car was a furnace.

I told you life was a roller coaster because of all the ups and downs.

My grandma ran around on Christmas as busy as a bee trying to get our breakfast ready.

As soon as we pulled up, we saw Dad's new truck that was as big as an elephant.

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In a playful manner, George told his grandpa he was as old as the hills on his birthday.

My plate was a rainbow of food, with vegetables of all types.

The kids labored in the front yard all day, so they slept like logs at night.

The sheep down at Tulley Farm have wool that is as white as snow.

Yen's cousin is the sunshine in her life, that brings her comfort joy and happiness.

Similes and Metaphors

Name: _____ L4.5.a

Use similes and metaphors to create sentences using each.

as boring as watching paint dry

as sticky as glue

was a hot stove

beautiful as a rose

time is money

the world is a stage


as cool as a cucumber


music of the soul


Similes and Metaphors


Name: _____ L4.5.a


Write a sentence about the picture, using a simile or metaphor.

















Interactive Notebook Pieces

metaphor

Lift the flap and write a simile or metaphor about the picture.







Interactive Notebook Pieces

Underline the simile or metaphor, lift the flap and write the two things being compared.

Since they didn't have any plans to go anywhere, Sam and Jenny walked as slow as snails.

My dad is the head of the PTA and volunteers in the classroom, so he stays as busy as a bee every day.

The televisions in the classrooms are old dinosaurs that never work.

Toya wasn't worried at all on the first day of school, so her mom said she was as cool as a cucumber.

My sister was a star on stage during her ballet recital.

When I don't have my glasses on, I am as blind as a bat.

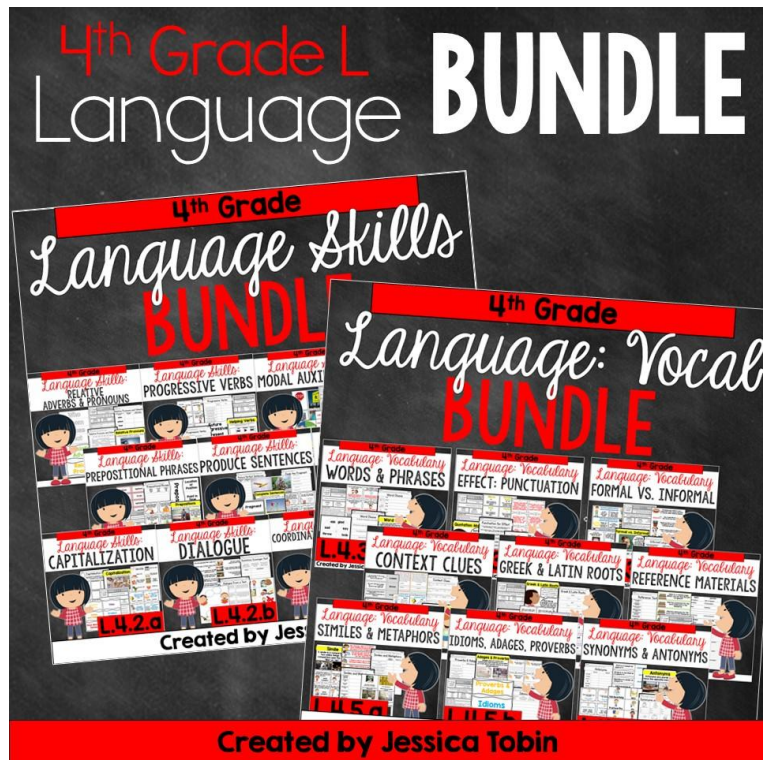
Everyone says my house is a zoo because we have three cats and four dogs.

My brother left for summer camp and came home as tall as a giraffe.

Bundle Opportunities

If this layout looks ideal for your classroom, and you know you'll be needing resources like this for **all** standards included in Common Core, check out the bundles that save you money!

Language Domain



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All 6 ELA Domains

