

Metaphor

A Metaphor is a figure of speech in which one object becomes a symbol for another. A metaphor is a comparison of two unrelated things. Commonly concrete objects become metaphors for vague, abstract concepts. i.e. Love is a blue door. Hope is a feather. Fear is a black dog.

In writing, you will describe the concrete object in such a way that it becomes an illustration of the concept you are trying to write about.

For this exercise you are going to write about “love” (or you could choose another emotion!) Look around you and write down 6 objects that you see; such as a door, a window, a pencil, an old shoe, etc. Now. write a paragraph (or a poem) using that object to describe love. “Love is an old shoe” or “Anger is a window”.

Another fun exercise with metaphor is to again list 10 things you see in a room. (do that now!) Now select two of them. (without reading ahead to what is coming!). Now write a paragraph about these two objects Title it “The (whatever object you chose – let’s say “door”) is in love with the (whatever other object you chose – let’s say “paperweight”) “The door is in love with the paperweight.” (or whatever objects you found!) You could also do it that the first object is afraid of the second – or is angry with the second. etc. have fun!