**Metaphors and Similes**

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**Write the examples you find of each on the lines below the story**

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**Metaphors**

1. __________________________________________
2. __________________________________________
3. __________________________________________

**Similes**

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2. __________________________________________
3. __________________________________________

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