**Metaphor, Simile, Analogy?**

**Definitions:**

Metaphor – a figure of speech in which one thing is spoken of as if it were something else for the purposes of comparison.

Simile – a figure of speech that makes a direct comparison between two subjects, using either like or as.

Analogy – An extended comparison of relationships between two things that are similar in some way. It is based on the idea that the relationship between one pair of things is like the relationships between another pair of things, even though those things may seem different. Often used to help explain something or make it easier to understand.

Analogies can be obvious, but sometimes you have to dig for the meaning. Examples below:

1. "MTV is to music as KFC is to chicken."  
   -- Lewis Black
2. "Remember this, ladies and gentlemen. It's an old phrase, basically anonymous -- that politicians are a lot like diapers: They should be changed frequently and for the same reason. Keep that in mind next time you vote. Good night. “ delivered by Robin Williams (from the movie *Man of the Year*)

*Politicians are “dirty” (in their behavior) and should not be allowed to stay in office for the good of the citizen.*

*Diapers are dirty and need to be changed for the good of the wearer.*

1. "We have, in a sense, come to the nation’s capital to cash a check." --from “I Have a Dream” by Martin Luther King, Jr.

*The black person coming to Washington to demand equality is like a person going to the bank to cash a check.*

***Identify the following as simile, analogy, or metaphor***

1. When she sees him, her eyes sparkle like diamonds when they catch the sunlight just right.

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1. Her eyes are like diamonds.

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1. Her eyes are diamonds.

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Create your own with a comparison to the sun:

1. Metaphor
2. Simile
3. Analogy