

## Topic Sentences: Analogies (Similes and Metaphors)

**When you write a topic sentence, you can often use analogies to make it more interesting.**

An **analogy** is when you say one thing is something else. For example:

- My father is a bear in the morning. (Your father is not *really* a bear, so this is an analogy.)
- My sister is like an angel in my life. (Your sister is not *really* an angel, so this is an analogy.)

**There are two kinds of analogies that we often use: Similes and Metaphors.**

**Similes use the words “like” or “as”:**

- My sister is like an angel in my life.
- My bedroom is like a box of silence in a noisy world.
- My father is angry as a bear when he wakes up.

**Metaphors do not use “like” or “as”:**

- My father is a bear in the morning.
- This food is trash.
- My grandfather is superman.
- My teacher is the devil!

**Read these analogies. Write “S” if it is a simile or “M” if it is a metaphor.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ My life is a dream.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Math is like a puzzle that never ends.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ My mother is an angel, always watching over me.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Love is a flower that grows and becomes more and more beautiful.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ My mother is beautiful, with hair that is soft as a cloud.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ This city is a sea of sadness.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ The ocean waves hit the beach like a thousand hammers.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ My wife is the light in my life.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Watch out for John. He is a sneaky snake.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ When my brother fell, he howled like a wolf.