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Like A Simile

She smells like a rose. You smell like a sewer. Those are both examples of similes. You can tell that they are are similes because it is a statement comparing two things using 'like' or 'as'. Similes are narrative techniques, narrative techniques are used to make a text more interesting, all good books have them. Sandra Cisneros wrote a short story titled Eleven, in this story she used a variety of different techniques, but her similes stuck out the most. From the third paragraph of this text there are many such as: "the way you grow old is kind of like an onion or like the rings inside of a tree trunk or like my little wooden dolls that fit one inside the other"(Cisneros). That was three in one sentence which is a pretty impressive use of similes. Like mentioned before a simile is characterized by a comparison of two things using 'like' or 'as', in this case Cisneros compared your years in life to an onion, tree rings, and russian nesting dolls, layered and all layers building upon the last. More are used in Eleven in the sixteenth and nineteenth paragraphs, for example in the sixteenth,"my whole head hurts like when you drink milk too fast"(Cisneros) and in the nineteenth "I want today to be far away already, far away like a runaway balloon"(Cisneros). The story wouldn't be quite the same without narrative techniques which shows how important they are.