# Grammar Worksheet—7: Lesson XXIV

A **metaphor** is the comparison of two things that are usually very different but alike in at least one way.  Writers use metaphors to describe something and let the reader discover how they are alike.

The main difference between a **simile** and **metaphor** is that a simile uses the words "like" or "as" to draw a comparison and a metaphor simply states the comparison without using "like" or "as". An example of a simile is: She is as innocent as an angel. An example of a metaphor is: She is an angel.

In Lesson XXIV, you will find some metaphors.

- Paragraph 4:  Knowledge is an ornament of grace to his head.
- Paragraph 8:  As the North Star is to the sailor . . . so is the distant schoolhouse to him

When you  read these metaphors, you have a reason to think more deeply.  How is knowledge like an ornament?  How can the North Star and a schoolhouse be alike?

Look at the metaphors below. Write the two items that are being compared in the blanks:

*The snow is a white blanket.*

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*The falling snowflakes are dancers.*

_____          _____

*He is a shining star.*

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Can you think of your own metaphor?  Write your metaphor below:

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