

Making comparisons

This task is about identifying comparisons made in a poem.

In each of the following poems, two different things are being compared.

- Write down the two different things being compared in each poem, and
- explain all the ways in which the two things are shown to be alike in the poem.

This first poem has been done as an example.

a) **Road Cones**

The orange road cones
are the hats of the witches
who live in the gutters,
the grates, and the ditches.

They come out in dozens
whenever it rains
to dance orange dances
in water-filled drains.

By Andrew P. Wood

i) What two things are being compared?

Road cones and witches' hats

ii) In what ways are the two things alike?

- Road cones and witches' hats are the same shape.
- Witches' hats move when they dance and road cones move when the drains fill with water.

b)

Lifeboat

Pukeko feather
floating on the water -
bright boat,
light boat,
lifeboat
to a ladybird
that's landed.

By Diana Noonan

i) What **two** things are being compared?

and

ii) In what ways are the **two** things alike?

c) **Muster**

Slowly down the valley
The woolly flock flows.
A rippling mob of sheep,
Joined by more at every creek.
And as the valley widens,
The woolly river grows.

By Alan Bagnall

i) What **two** things are being compared?

and

ii) In what ways are the two things alike?