

My name:

**Four Metaphor Poetry: Pre-Writing**  
an original poetry-writing lesson from WritingFix

**Instructions:** A metaphor compares something to something else, and a good writer explains his/her comparison with thoughtful words. Today, you'll be thinking of something important to you (your TOPIC), and then you will compare this one thing to four other things. You will stack your four comparisons on top of each other so that your final copy looks and feels like a poem.

My Poem's Topic:  
(choose a noun that is important to you)

Here are eight different nouns that I might compare my topic to:  
(for your poem, you'll choose your four best ideas)


**Instructions:** When you have eight nouns, with a friend talk over which four would make the best comparisons for a descriptive poem. Circle the four you plan to use. Ask, "Would any of the nouns I use be improved if I put an interesting adjective in front of them?" Write your four metaphors below. (*A memory is a freshly-laid chicken egg*, for example.)

Metaphor #1:

Metaphor #2:

Metaphor #3:

Metaphor #4:

**Instructions:** If you were sharing these four metaphors, what order would you share them in? Re-number the metaphors, if necessary. Now, on your own piece of paper, write three or four sentences that explains each of your metaphor's comparison. Read your sentences to a friend. Highlight or circle your favorite words and phrases. Focus on those words and phrases as you begin to write your poem's rough draft on your own piece of paper.