

Storm Of Expressions Answer Key

1. Simile example:

"The storm crept over the town *like a thief in the night*."

- Meaning: The storm arrived suddenly and quietly, as though sneaking in.

2. Metaphor example:

"Clouds were *thick blankets smothering the sky*."

- Meaning: The clouds covered the sky completely, making it feel heavy and suffocating.

3. Thunder as a lion:

It makes thunder seem loud, wild, and dangerous, helping the reader imagine its power and fearsome sound.

4. Most powerful phrase (answers vary):

Many students may choose "Lightning sliced across the horizon like a silver sword."

- Reason: It creates a vivid image of brightness and danger, making the lightning feel sharp and violent.

5. Literal rewrite (example):

"Rain hammered the rooftops" → "Rain fell heavily on the rooftops."

- Change: The literal version feels flat and less dramatic compared to the figurative one.

Teacher Guide

- **Skill Development:** Students practice identifying **figurative language** and interpreting its meaning, which builds both literary analysis and creative reading skills.
- **Teaching Tip:** Ask students to color-code similes in one color and metaphors in another before explaining meanings.
- **Extension Activity:** Challenge students to write 2-3 new similes or metaphors to describe a different natural event (e.g., a sunrise, snowstorm, or earthquake).