Using Similes, Analogies, & Forced Association

Use a set of magazine pictures. Find ones that don’t have any text. Give each group of students several to choose from.

Challenge students to create a simile or analogy based on something they are currently learning about.

- Breathing is like ____ because . . .
- Enzymes are like ____ because . . .
- A liquid is like ____ because . . .
- A shield is to a warrior as a ____ is to a _______.

Have a variety of pictures to help students think about ways “unlike” things are “alike”.

Challenge students to compare 2 “unlike things”

- How is the periodic table like a board game?
- How is the Moon’s motion like playing a baseball game?
- How are the seasons like taking a bike ride or doing a dance?
- How is the water cycle like an electric circuit or a magic show?