

Similes

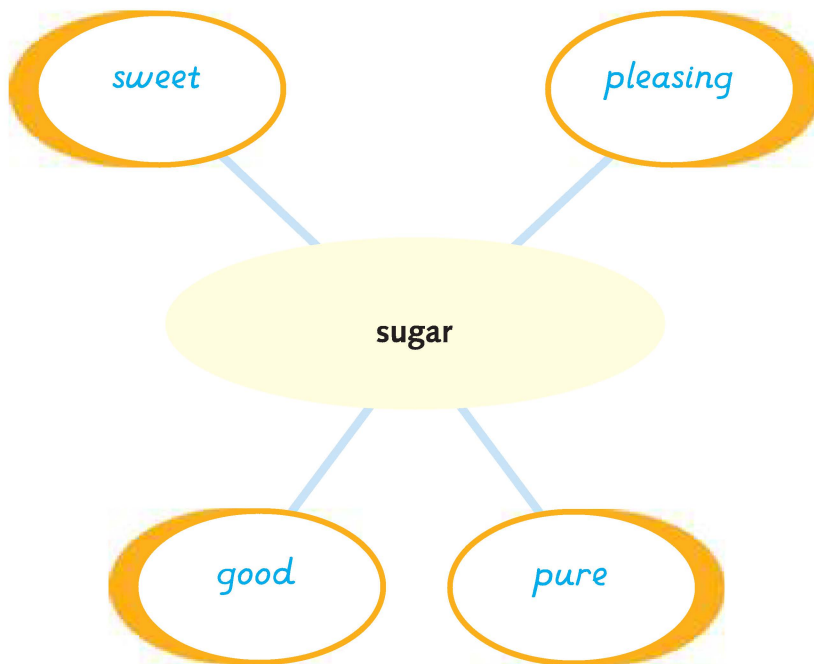
A **simile** compares two unlike things using the connecting word *like* or *as*. Authors use similes to describe images or ideas that might otherwise be difficult to understand.

Here is an example of a simile.

The girl was like sugar whenever her grandmother came to stay.



In this simile, the girl is being compared to sugar. Why would the author want to compare the girl to sugar? See how a student used a word web to help her understand the meaning of the simile.



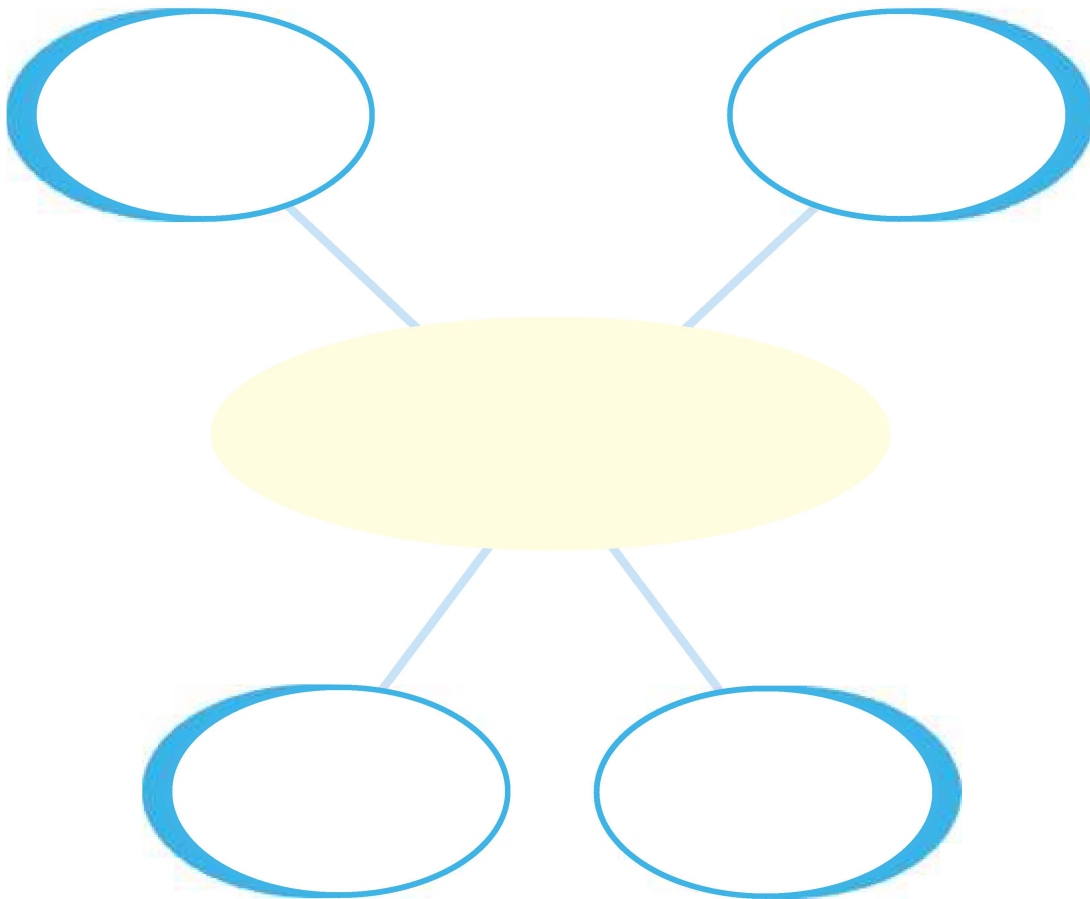
I think the author is trying to say that the little girl was sweet and pleasing whenever her grandmother came to stay.

Read the simile below and then answer the questions that follow.

The surface of the water was like glass.

1. What is the author comparing to *glass*?

2. Write the word *glass* at the center of the word web below. Then write four words or phrases you think of when you think of glass.



3. Explain what the author is trying to describe for the reader by using this simile.

