**Simile:** a simile is a form of expression using ‘as’ or ‘like’ where one thing is compared to another thing.

**Example:** ‘He’s as cold as an iceberg. She has a face like an angel.’

**Metaphor:** similar to simile but does not use ‘as’ or ‘like.’ Like simile, compares two things, but more directly.

**Example:** the moon was a great glowing dollar coin in the night sky.

**Text from passage:**

‘After three days of bustle and boom Aldous Hackensack was satisfied. The machine was finished. Like an iron wreath, it circled Mt Bump.’

**Is the meaning literal? Yes/No**

**What does the passage really mean?**

‘The image is of a tangled line of machines that encircles Mt Bump, and is in danger of choking the mountain.’

**Rewrite the passage as a metaphor:**

‘After three days of bustle and boom Aldous Hackensack was satisfied. The machine was finished. Mt Bump was circled by an iron wreath.’

**Rewrite the passage as a simile:**

‘Dozens of workmen appeared, like ants at a picnic, and the great assembly began. The tiniest screws to the largest wheels were tightened, a thousand knots meticulously tied.’

**Is the meaning literal? Yes/No**

**What does the passage really mean?**

‘The workmen were busy, industrious and focused, similar to ants building a nest.’

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