Definition/Support

A metaphor is a word or a phrase used to describe something as if it were something else:
For example, "A wave of terror washed over him." The terror isn't actually a wave, but a wave is a
good way of describing the feeling.
"Jess is dynamite." She's not made of dynamite, but it's a way to explain how exciting she is.

A simile describes something by comparing it to something else, using like or as:
The snake moved like a ripple on a pond.
It was as slippery as an eel.
Jess is as graceful as a gazelle.

Useful video: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfkk7ty/articles/z9tkxfr

Task

This week the creative writing task is to write a poem about 'the tempest', the storm in Act 1 that Prospero
conjures up to shipwreck the boat carrying Alonso, Antonio and their crew. Below is a poem, by Alexander
Rakic, about a storm at sea. You need to find and highlight the similes and metaphors in the poem.

1. Read the poem through
2. Get two different colours
3. Highlight/underline the metaphors in one colour (for example red pen)
4. Highlight/underline the similes in another colour (for example blue pen)

Storm at Sea

In the great old storm the thunder goes bang bang bang!
   It is like a beating drum,
   It is as loud as a firing gun at the start of a race,
   It is an enormous earthquake,
   The thunder is furious at the world.
   Bang bang bang!

In the great old storm the wind goes whoosh whoosh whoosh!
   It is like a howling wolf,
   It is as cold as ice from the Arctic,
   It is a wild whistle blowing high and low,
   The wind is singing a deadly song.
   Whoosh whoosh whoosh!

In the great old storm the waves go crash crash crash!
   They are as tall as towering buildings in a city,
   They are like fists pounding the surface,
   They are blue bulldozers of the sea,
   The waves are waving sailors goodbye to Davy Jones' Locker.
   Crash crash crash!

By Alexander Rakic