

THE ELEMENTS OF STYLE TO COMMUNICATE MEANING—SIMILES

SIMILES FOUND IN <i>RED WOLF</i>	WHAT I THINK THE SIMILES MEAN
Ch. 5—"Red Wolf scrambled to his feet, the foreign surroundings crashing into him like a charging bull moose."	
Ch. 6—"Like a swarm of bees swooping into flowers, the boys homed in on their own pegs."	
Ch. 6—"A man was bearing down on him, a cane tapping the floor. Red Wolf froze like a frightened fawn, hoping the predator would pass him by."	
Ch.13—"The boys ran across the field like ants to a carcass, grabbing armloads of hay and flinging them up onto the moving wagon, their fatigue vanishing with the excitement."	
Ch.22—"The child watched the priest's mouth open and close like a fish left on the rocks."	

1. Author Jennifer Dance uses similes to help the reader understand her characters. Choose one of the similes above and explain what you learned about the character because of it. Use details from the text and your own ideas to support your thinking.

2. The similes above all reference animals. Explain why the author may have decided to compare her characters to animals in nature. Use what you know about the characters and the plot to support your thinking.
