Task for *Mahtab’s Story*

**Similes and Metaphors**

‘...they stayed close to each other, drawn along like flowing liquid...’ (p. 78)

‘A small, smiling woman in a uniform as sharp as glass...’ (p. 78)

‘The line moved as slowly as a lazy tortoise.’ (p. 79)

‘Like puppies in a box of straw...’ (p. 106)

‘There was a full moon and that scattering of diamonds again...’ (p. 107)

‘All morning they rode the waves like wild camels...’ (p. 108)

‘...the wind and the water conspired like angry herdsmen determined to break the animals’ spirit.’ (p.108)

‘Like stones hurled from the sky, the rain struck and then bounced to the deck.’ (p. 109)

‘...bodies braced against the wall of water...’ (p. 109)

‘The sea was tall mountains and deep valleys and they were tossed from crest to crest as it raged and boiled beneath them.’ (p. 109)

‘Mahtab’s legs were stiff and her stomach was a tight, hard knot.’ (p. 113)

‘Loud, driving rain pelting the roof like gunfire...’ (p. 120)

‘Her heart was fluttering like a caged bird again.’ (p. 126)

‘...his hair standing up like grass after a windstorm.’ (p. 130)

‘The words were a kick in Mahtab’s stomach. A heavy boot that sent the air gasping from her throat...’ (p. 138)

‘...the trapdoor had dropped, shutting her throat, and she flung herself on the bed in silence.’ (p. 139)

‘Her body was a dead weight: an anchor resting on the bottom...’ (p. 147)

‘Words poured from them like water from a jar.’ (p. 169)