

# Circle the Simile Activity Sheet

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# Circle the Simile Answers

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### Simile 1: like sardines packed into a tin

Why did the author use this description of the warriors?

**The author used this description to make it very clear that the warriors are squashed in with very little space.**

### Simile 2: his heart pounding like a drum

What feeling does the author create with this simile? Why?

**The author has created a feeling of panic or dread because Itsuki is going into an unknown situation.**

### Simile 3: like a siren trying to be heard above the chaos of a storm

Why has the author described the General in this way?

**The author has described the General in this way to show that there is a lot of noise and chaos around the warriors.**

### Simile 4: like a lost love letter

What feeling does the author create with this simile? Why?

**The author has created a feeling of desolation and melancholy to show the utter despair of the warrior heading into battle.**