

An Exercise on Metaphor/Simile

TEACHING IS LIKE _____ because _____.

To me, teaching is like being a gardener tending to his flowers, because

- he wants each seed to reach its full potential and yield the most beautiful flower. Just like as a teacher I want each student to reach his or her full potential and become successful in their life.

- he grooms the flower field on a daily basis so that nothing hampers the growth of the flowers. Just like as a teacher I groom the students' hearts, minds and spirit on a daily basis so that nothing hampers their growth.

-without tending to them, many flowers will dry out. Just like students won't become knowledgeable people without tending to them.

-the gardener is the one who appreciates the present beauty of each flower. Just like as a teacher I appreciate the present knowledge, experience and reaction of the young minds.

-the gardener spends so much time with his flowers he knows all the subtle differences between them. Just like as a teacher I meet my students every day and know the subtle differences between them, and this feels good.

- the gardener is the one who can see best the whole growth process of the flowers, and thus bonds with them best. Just like as a teacher I see best the growth process and sharpening minds of the students, and thus bond with them best. I know where they come from and where they are heading.



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