

Diction

Consider:

A rowan* like a **lipsticked** girl.

*a small deciduous tree native to Europe, having white flower clusters and orange berries.

— Seamus Heaney, "Song," *Field Work*

Discuss:

1. Other than the color, what comes to mind when you think of a *lipsticked* girl?
2. How would it change the meaning and feeling of the line if, instead of *lipsticked girl*, the author wrote *girl with lipstick on*?

Apply:

Write a simile comparing a tree with a domesticated animal. In your simile, use a word that is normally used as a noun (like *lipstick*) as an adjective (like *lipsticked*). Share your simile with the class.