LOOK AT THE MOON

Here is a poem about the moon comparing it to different things, using a mixture of metaphors and similes. After you've read it, decide whether the things it's compared to are metaphors or similes. Then **tick** the correct boxes.

☆ ☆ ☆ MOON ক্ষ Moon is a crumpled handkerchief \mathbf{x} A flag of quiet surrender unfurled ক্ষ It's like the face of the planetary clock Tick-tocking its way around the world Sometimes it's like the farmer's scythe Levelling the ready corn Or like a silver bottle top - a medal never worn The moon is a sailboat circumnavigating the Earth As fast as a homing bird racing for all its worth The finger of wisdom pointing to the answer As bent as an old man – as straight as a dancer Like the smile of a cat, the moon is a mystery A story of watchers and rhymers from history It flies like a silver discus thrown by a giant Striding across the velvet sky dark and defiant The perfect birdwing on a summer evening So silent in its flight A surprise guest in the morning But like a constant friend of night

Now decide whether the words and phrases in the table are part of a metaphor or a simile and put a **tick** in the correct box. Do you remember the difference between a simile and metaphor?

word or phrase	metaphor	simile
crumpled handkerchief	✓	
flag of quiet surrender	✓	
face of the planetary clock		✓
farmer's scythe		✓
silver bottle top		✓
medal	✓	
sailboat	✓	
homing bird		✓
finger of wisdom	✓	
old man		✓
dancer		✓
smile of a cat		✓
mystery	✓	
story of watchers and rhymers	✓	
silver discus		✓
perfect birdwing	✓	
surprise guest	✓	
constant companion		✓