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SIMILE



A **simile** compares two different things by saying that:

- one thing is like another thing, *or*
- one thing is as [adjective] as another thing

WHY use similes?

Similes make your writing as hot as a jalapeño.



That sentence uses a simile! The spiciness of a jalapeño pepper is compared to the spiciness of good writing.

What it

IS ✓

...and
what it

ISN'T ✗

Your dog's eyes are a pretty blue. You write:

Simile

- ✓ My dog's eyes are like two shiny blue marbles!

NOT a simile

- ✗ My dog's eyes are a really pretty blue!

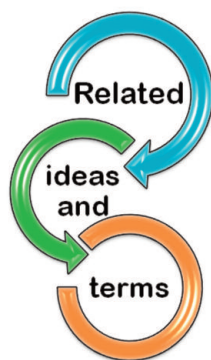
You hear a noise outside your window in the middle of the night. You write:

Similes

- ✓ I looked out the window, and the street was as quiet as a graveyard.
- ✓ I was so scared, I was shaking like a leaf.

NOT similes

- ✗ I looked out my window, and the street was silent.
- ✗ I was so scared, I picked up my cell phone just in case.



metaphor

replaces one thing or idea with another, to make a clearer picture

personification

puts living characteristics onto nonliving things

figurative language

when you write about something without using the literal meaning of the words you use. A simile is figurative language.

Turn over for
visual examples



Visual Learning: “AS” SIMILE

Look for this
in any sentence

(something)

as

(description)

as

(something different)

✓ The crocodile's skin was **as rough as tree bark**.

skin =



PRACTICE:

Do you see the similes
in these two sentences?

The basketball player seemed as tall as an oak tree.

My sister sanded the wood until it was as smooth as glass.

Visual Learning: “LIKE” SIMILE

Look for this
in any sentence

(something)

like

(something different)

✓ The tough steak was **like an old boot**.

steak =



PRACTICE:

Do you see the similes
in these two sentences?

The bear's claws were like a row of sharp nails.

That pizza we ate last night tasted like cardboard.

**Why
NOT?**

None of these sentences contain similes. Do you know why not?

- ✗ The steak was juicy and delicious, and it gave me plenty of energy go to hiking.
- ✗ I'll drive you to the mall as soon as I'm finished writing this.
- ✗ I'm as tall as you, and you're, like, my favorite person!

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**SHOW
THAT
YOU KNOW**

Complete all ten tasks and show that you can recognize, identify, and create similes.

**10
tasks****Circle Yes/No: Do these sentences contain similes?**

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|----------|-----|----|--|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | Yes | No | Moe's hair looks like a black bowl on top of his head. | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | Yes | No | My friend's daughter has gorgeous dark brown hair.. | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | Yes | No | He reminded me to call him, as if I needed to be reminded. | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Underline the four similes in this paragraph.

- 4**
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My bulldog Tyson is the funniest dog I've ever seen. One minute he's as tough as nails barking at someone, and the next minute he's like a statue, just sitting there staring. His brown fur is like velvet, and he's as happy as a clown when he sees me. Most days, he's my best friend in the whole world.

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Write three sentences that contain similes.

Hint: for the first one, imagine your neighbor has a young child who follows you around when you're outside. Compare that child to a puppy.

- 8** → 1

- 9** → 1

- 10** → 1