

Similes



Some similes, such as "like a house on fire," are called clichés because they are so overused that they have very little impact. It is a good idea to use new similes in your writing, as they attract interest and help your reader to imagine what you are describing. Remember: A simile is something compared with something else to create an image in the reader's mind. It usually includes the words *like* or *as*.



Practice writing new similes by thinking of original comparisons for these adjectives.

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| as light as <u>a petal</u> | as dry as |
| as good as | as heavy as |
| as dull as | as pretty as |
| as clean as | as big as |
| as quick as | as rich as |

Complete these sentences by thinking of similes for the verbs.

- He crawled like a snail
- The athlete ran like
- The small boat sank like
- It rained like



Complete these sentences by thinking of similes for the nouns.

- The heat was like a blazing bonfire
- The thick mud felt as if
- The black smoke smelled like
- The music she played sounded like
- The fresh water tasted like
- The overgrown garden looked as if

