

# Similes



Some **similes**, such as "like a house on fire," are called **cliches** 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 .....

