

Similes and Metaphors

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Can you tell the difference between a simile and a metaphor? An easy way to remember how to tell the difference is to think of the word "similar" when you think of similes. Similes use the words "as" or "like" to describe things because they are saying that the subject is "as" or "like" something. In other words, the subject is *similar* to something else. Metaphors say the subject *is* something else.

For example: Jill is like a diamond in the rough. (simile)

Jill is a jewel. (metaphor)

In the sentences below, write the word "simile" or "metaphor" after the sentence. Circle the word that lets you know if it is a simile or a metaphor.

That dog is as big as a horse!

Jenny is as quiet as a mouse.

That man is over the hill.

Steve turned as white as a ghost when his father caught him!

That car is a boat!

Her singing is like a cat dying.

His shoes are skis!

It's as hot as an oven in here.

My room is a hazard zone!

She is as sharp as a tack!

See if you can create a metaphor and a simile of your own!