

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**.

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 _____

