

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.

as light as a petal _____ 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 moved like _____



Complete these sentences by thinking of similes for the nouns.

The heat was like a blazing bonfire _____
The duck waddled like _____
The black smoke smelled like _____
The music she played sounded like _____
The fresh water tasted like _____
The overgrown garden looked as if _____

