

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

