

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 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 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

