

# 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 .....

