

What is a Simile?

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Figurative language includes special forms that writers use to help readers make a strong connection to their words. A **simile** is one kind of figurative language. It makes a comparison of two unlike things using the words "like" or "as".

Has your grandma ever told you that you were **as cute as a bug's ear**? Maybe your dad has told you to hurry up, because you were **slow like a snail**. These comparisons are both **similes**.

Similes are made by looking at one characteristic of a creature or thing, and showing how another creature or thing shares the same characteristic. **Read each of the words below. For each word, write one or two words on the line that describe its strongest characteristic.** (In the examples above, *cute* describes the bug's ear, and *slow* describes the snail.)

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| 1. Tiger <u>fierce</u> | 2. Car _____ |
| 3. Ice cream _____ | 4. Ocean _____ |
| 5. Rollercoaster _____ | 6. Baby _____ |

Now for each word you wrote on the lines, think of something else that has that same characteristic. Use that information to write your similes below. Remember to use "like" or "as" in your comparison.

1. My pet dog is as fierce as a tiger.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____