

Simile

Low/High Level

A simile (sim-ill-ee) is a comparison of two different things that are alike in some way. These two things might not seem similar at first; a simile can connect them in new and creative ways. Similes are much like metaphors, but similes use the words *like* or *as*. This special poetry tool can be used to create a picture with words.



1. Start by deciding what idea you want to express.

This cookie does not taste good.

2. That describes the taste of the cookie, but it doesn't do it strongly enough! Let's create a simile to really stress how bad the cookie tasted. Think of another thing that we can compare the cookie to, something that will express its bad taste. Remember: you must use *like* or *as*.

This cookie tastes **like** dirt!

That's better. This simile would work well in a poem because it expresses an idea that a reader would remember.

More Similes

This floor is slippery.

Simile: This floor is as slick as ice.

John's face is red.

Simile: John's face looks like a cherry.

Grandpa has dark eyes.

Simile: Grandpa's eyes are as dark as night.

The thorns are sharp.

Simile: The thorns are like knives.



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Decide whether each sentence is a simile or not a simile. Write a letter S if the sentence is a simile. Write a letter N if it is not.

_____ The leaves are all over the ground.

_____ That bell is ringing.

_____ The leaves are falling like rain.

_____ Deer move like race cars.

_____ That bell is as loud as thunder.

_____ Deer run fast.



Name _____

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Simile

Unscramble each of the similes. Rewrite them on the lines below. Then write what each simile means.

is as big The sky ocean, as an

Simile: _____

Meaning: _____

move like Ballerinas the floor, across feathers

Simile: _____

Meaning: _____

sharp as Careful, the pencil is a tack.

Simile: _____

Meaning: _____

whistles like Your teapot train, a

Simile: _____

Meaning: _____

as Her Rudolph's, nose was red as

Simile: _____

Meaning: _____

like a dog He bites his chewing nails a bone.

Simile: _____

Meaning: _____