

## Task 5 - Similes

A simile is a phrase that describes something in comparison to something else using something both objects have in common.

Examples: She went as white as a sheet.

The horse galloped as fast as the wind.

Although actually going as white as a sheet is almost impossible, using this SIMILE phrase emphasises to the reader or listener how pale 'she' went.

A horse can't really gallop as fast as the wind, but this SIMILE phrase emphasises that the horse was very fast.

Use the following to create your own similes:

Put your simile into a sentence.

as light as ...	as tight as ...	as bright as ...	as sharp as ...
as fresh as ...	as heavy as ...	as smooth as ..	as clear as ...
as quiet as ...	as dead as ...	as right as ...	as warm as ...
as sly as ...	as daft as ...	as old as ...	as silent as ...
as black as ...	as clean as ...	as busy as ...	as thin as ...

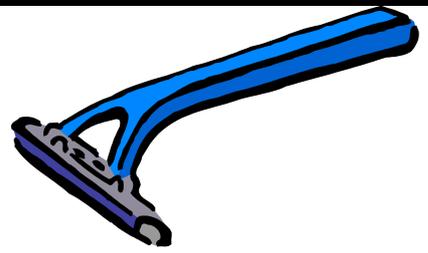




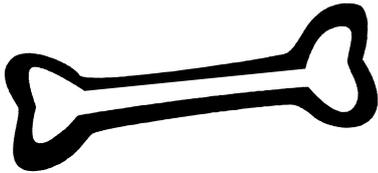
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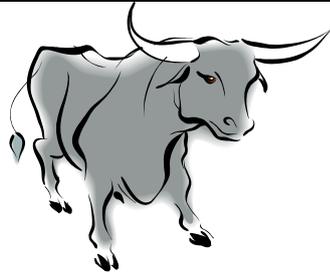
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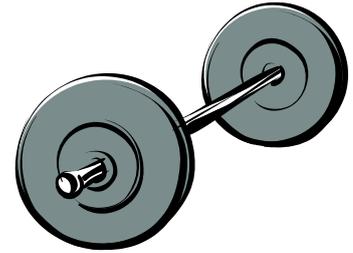


... a bone



... an ox

... a lead weight



... a daisy



... a sack of potatoes



... a baby's bottom



... a bell



... a door nail

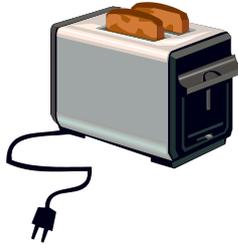
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... a mouse



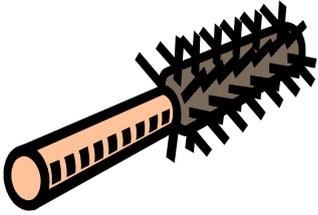
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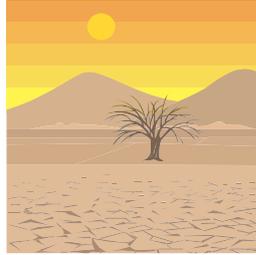
... toast



... a fox



... a brush



... the hills



... the grave



... ink



... a whistle



... a bee



... a button



... a rake



... as ice

Cards for placing over Simile Bingo Pictures

as light as ...	as tight as ...	as bright as ...	as sharp as ...
as fresh as ...	as heavy as ...	as smooth as ...	as clear as ...
as quiet as ...	as dead as ...	as right as ...	as warm as ...
as sly as ...	as daft as ...	as old as ...	as silent as ...
as black as ...	as clean as ...	as busy as ...	as thin as ...
as cold as ...	as heavy as ...	as right as ...	as strong as ...

# Similes - A Computer Task Sheet

## What is a Simile(Sim-il-ee) ?

A Simile is when we compare things by using the words 'like' or 'as' to define or describe something compared with something else.

For example:

1. ... as hot as an oven (meaning - very hot)
2. ... like a red rag to a bull (meaning – very angry)

Below, is a poem that has been composed (made up) entirely of Similes:

### AS

As wet as a fish – as dry as a bone;  
As live as a bird – as dead as a stone;  
As plump as a partridge – as poor as a rat;  
As strong as a horse – as weak as a cat;  
As hard as flint – as soft as a mole;  
As white as a lily – as black as coal;  
As plain as a pike –staff - as rough as a bear;  
As heavy as lead – as light as a feather;  
As steady as time – uncertain as weather.

**Task A:** This poem has a very definite pattern. With a classmate, discuss what the pattern is, then write your answer here:

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**Task B:** Type the poem "As" onto a new Word document and save as

### **"AS" – a SIMILE Poem**

in your ENGLISH folder. Now centre it. Do you think that changing the format improves the poem? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain why you think this?

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**Task C:** Create your own simile poem by filling in the gaps below. Make your ideas as unusual as you can. Your poem doesn't have to rhyme.

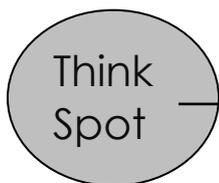
As wet as \_\_\_\_\_ as dry as \_\_\_\_\_;  
As live as \_\_\_\_\_ as dead as \_\_\_\_\_;  
As plump as \_\_\_\_\_ as poor as \_\_\_\_\_;  
As strong as \_\_\_\_\_ as weak as \_\_\_\_\_;  
As hard as \_\_\_\_\_ as soft as \_\_\_\_\_;  
As white as \_\_\_\_\_ as black as \_\_\_\_\_;  
As plain as \_\_\_\_\_ as rough as \_\_\_\_\_;  
As heavy as \_\_\_\_\_ as light as \_\_\_\_\_;  
As steady as \_\_\_\_\_ uncertain as \_\_\_\_\_.

**Task D:** Type your poem onto a new word document and save it with the title My First Simile Poem in your English Folder, in your user area.

**Task E:** Now double space this poem to make the presentation more effective. Add a header or footer and put your name; your tutor group and the date. Ask your teacher to check your poem then save it and then print a copy to put in your zippy folder.

### **CHALLENGE:**

- Think about using Similes to help you in your writing.
- Open a new word document or on paper.
- Describe a place using SIMILE comparisons. It can be a haunted house; a new planet; a school or a hospital.



Think about size, shape, colour, height, feelings/emotions, touch,

- Check that your sentences make sense and that they start with a capital letter.
- Check that any nouns start with a capital letter and that there are no capital letters in the middle of words.
- Check that you have used punctuation in your work
- Experiment with different fonts to find what makes your work more visually appealing.

# SIMILES and METAPHORS

**Similes** and **metaphors** are both used to compare things. They help us to understand what things are like by creating pictures with words that we can see in our heads. Using them helps to make our writing more exciting and interesting.

**Simile** – Similes use the words ‘**like**’ or ‘**as**’ to compare things. For example:

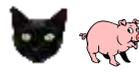
‘She was **as** sick as a parrot.’

‘It was hot **like** the surface of the sun.’

**Metaphor** – A metaphor compares two things by saying that one thing **is** another thing.

For example:

‘He has a heart of stone.’ 

‘My cat is a greedy pig.’ 

**Task:** Create some similes and metaphors of your own by filling in the spaces below. Underline the word in the box that describes what you’ve written. Use the pictures to help you.

She is as \_\_\_\_\_ as a flower.



Simile  
Metaphor

He is sleeping like a \_\_\_\_\_.



Simile  
Metaphor

You are the \_\_\_\_\_ of my life.



Simile  
Metaphor

Pete was so frightened, his legs turned to \_\_\_\_\_.



Simile  
Metaphor

**Task:** Write some similes and/or metaphors of your own about this picture:



Think about the colour, the shape, and what it would feel like.

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Some words you could use:

blazing, fireball, golden, bright/ brighter, star, rays, flames, hot/hotter, sphere, globe; burning, sizzling, flaming, shining, fire, fiery, ball, lava, glowing