GRAMMAR

Similes and metaphors

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I can find and write similes and metaphors.

1 The rule

A simile compares two things using like or as (as busy as a bee). A metaphor says that one thing is another (the classroom was a zoo).

My brother runs **like a rocket**, and his room is **a jungle**.

2 Look and say



bee
as busy as a bee



lion
as brave as a lion



snail
as slow as a snail



feather
as light as a feather



ice
as cold as ice



rocket
ran like a rocket



sunshine
Her smile was sunshine.



zoo
The room was a zoo.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Sort the words

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Is each phrase a simile (like or as) or a metaphor? Write it in the right box.

1 Word bank

as light as a feather

as cold as ice

snow is a blanket

sleeps like a log

the room is an oven

swims like a fish

the stars are diamonds

his heart is gold

simile	metaphor

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Find it in a sentence

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Read each sentence. Circle the simile or metaphor.

1. The snow was a white blanket.
2. He was as quiet as a mouse.
3. She swims like a fish.
4. The stars were diamonds.
5. This bag is as light as a feather.
6. My dog runs like the wind.
7. The kitchen was an oven.
8. The baby slept like a log.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Write it

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Finish each simile with a word from the box.

1 Word bank

ice | feather | mouse | fish | bee | lion

1. as cold as _____
2. as light as a _____
3. as quiet as a _____
4. swims like a _____
5. as busy as a _____
6. as brave as a _____

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Answer key: similes and metaphors

1 Sort the words

simile: as cold as ice, swims like a fish, as light as a feather, sleeps like a log

metaphor: the room is an oven, his heart is gold, snow is a blanket, the stars are diamonds

2 Find it in a sentence

1. a white blanket 2. as quiet as a mouse 3. like a fish 4. diamonds 5. as light as a feather 6. like the wind 7. an oven 8. like a log

3 Write it

1. ice 2. feather 3. mouse 4. fish 5. bee 6. lion

4 Teaching tip

Ask children what the two things have in common: as busy as a bee works because bees never seem to stop. Then let them invent fresh comparisons of their own, which are often better than the familiar ones.

Watch for: Calling every sentence with like a simile, as in "I like pizza." A simile must compare two different things.

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