

100+ Examples of Similes

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A SIMILE is a comparison of one thing with another thing, for example:
He is **as brave as a lion**.

Now that you are familiar with what simile means, we have compiled a comprehensive list of some of the popular examples of similes you must know about!

SIMILES LIST with EXAMPLES

Check out the following list of similes:

As black as coal

Example: His face became as black as coal after being criticised.

As blind as a bat

Example: My uncle is as blind as a bat without his spectacles.

As cool as a cucumber

Example: While all of us were panicking just before the declaration of the results, Naina was as cool as a cucumber.

As brave as a lion

Example: While fighting the war, the soldier was as brave as a lion.

As cold as ice

Example: The expression on her face was as cold as ice.

As busy as a bee

Example: My wife is as busy as a bee in the mornings.

As clean as a whistle

Example: The maid has done a good job, the hall is as clean as a whistle

As soft as velvet

Example: I just love my new blanket, it is as soft as velvet!

As sharp as a razor

Example: In spite of being over 75 years of age, my grandmother's mind is as sharp as a razor.

As white as snow

Example: The clothes she wore were as white as snow.

As white as a ghost

Example: Her face became as white as a ghost when she spotted the burglar in her house.

As fresh as a daisy

Example: You still look as fresh as a daisy after finishing all the work!

As stiff as a board

Example: I am sure that he is very nervous, he is standing as stiff as a board on the stage.

As proud as a peacock

Example: She is as proud as a peacock after getting selected for the lead role in the drama.

As gentle as a lamb

Example: My grandmother may seem scary to others, but she is actually as gentle as a lamb.

As bright as a button

Example: She seems to be as bright as a button!

As strong as an ox

Example: Although he has lost some weight, he is still as strong as an ox.

As hot as hell

Example: How can you bear to go out in this weather? It is as hot as hell!

As tough as leather

Example: My brother can help you in moving all this furniture, he is as tough as leather!

As bright as the moon

Example: Her eyes shined as bright as the moon on receiving her birthday gift.

As thin as a rake

Example: How can you eat so much and still be as thin as a rake?

As wise as an owl

Example: This problem seems tough! You can only solve this if you are as wise as an owl!

As clear as crystal

Example: She loved visiting the lake high up in the mountains, whose water was as clear as crystal.

As smooth as silk

Example: Her voice is as smooth as silk.

As stubborn as mule

Example: It's no use trying to change his mind, that man is as stubborn as a mule.

As silent as the grave

Example: He knew something was wrong when he found his friends as silent as the grave.

As light as a feather

Example: This shawl is made from very fine material, it's as light as a feather!

As old as the hills

Example: Her grandmother's love story was as old as the hills.

As straight as an arrow

Example: You can trust him, he is as straight as an arrow.

SIMILES ABC

1. As a bone out there
2. As American as apple pie
3. As big as an elephant
4. As black as coal
5. As black as night
6. As blind as a bat
7. As bold as brass
8. As boring as watching paint dry
9. As brave as a lion
10. As bright as a button
11. As bright as the moon
12. As busy as a bee
13. As cheap as dirt.
14. As clean as a whistle
15. As clear as crystal
16. As clear as mud.
17. As cold as ice
18. As cold as the Arctic.
19. As common as dirt
20. As cool as a cucumber
21. As cunning as a fox
22. As cute as a kitten
23. As dead as a doornail
24. As deaf as a post
25. As difficult as nailing jelly to a tree
26. As dry as a bone
27. As dull as dishwater
28. As easy as ABC
29. As easy as pie
30. As fit as a fiddle
31. As flat as a pancake
32. As free as a bird
33. As fresh as a daisy
34. As gentle as a lamb
35. As genuine as a three-dollar bill
36. As good as gold
37. As gracefully as a prima ballerina.
38. As happy as a clam
39. As happy as a hog with fresh mud.
40. As hard as an ant .
41. As hard as nails
42. As heavy as lead

43. As helpless as a baby
44. As honest as the day is long
45. As hot as blue blazes
46. As hot as hell
47. As hungry as a bear
48. As innocent as a lamb
49. As light as a feather
50. As lost as a sheep.
51. As old as the hills
52. As pale as a white sheet.
53. As pale as death
54. As prickly as a cactus
55. As proud as a peacock
56. As sharp as a razor
57. As shiny as a new pin
58. As sick as a dog
59. As silent as the grave
60. As sketchy as jelly with green fuzz on top.
61. As slippery as an eel
62. As slow as molasses
63. As sly as a fox
64. As smooth as a baby's bottom
65. As smooth as silk
66. As snug as a bug in a rug
67. As soft as velvet
68. As solid as the ground we stand on
69. As solid as a rock
70. As sour as vinegar
71. As stiff as a board
72. As straight as an arrow
73. As strong as an ox
74. As stubborn as mule
75. As sweet as a nut
76. As sweet as sugar
77. As tall as a giraffe
78. As thin as a rake
79. As tough as an old boot
80. As tough as leather
81. As tough as nails
82. As white as a ghost
83. As white as pearls.
84. As white as snow
85. As wise as an owl

EXAMPLES of SIMILES USING “LIKE”

She **eats like a pig**

She **ran like lightning**

He **looks like a fish out of water**

She **slept like a log**

It **was soft like velvet**

Life **is like a box of chocolates**

It **leaked like a sieve**

It **cuts like butter**

The aeroplane **soared like an eagle**

The shark had **teeth like razors**

His mind **is like an encyclopedia.**

It **was as light as a penny.**

He **soared like an eagle.**

It was **damp like dew in the morning.**

Don't trust his words, he **is cunning like a fox.**

SIMILES QUIZ 1

- Jesse is **as sly as** a ...
A. snake B. fly C. fox D. elephant
- My grandmother is **as sweet as** ...
A. vinegar B. potatoes C. a carrot D. strawberry jam
- That sidewalk is **as slippery as** ...
A. a pancake B. glass C. sand D. bark
- When school let out for the summer, I felt **as free as** a ...
A. bird B. prisoner C. dollar D. bicycle
- That fence is **as solid as** ...
A. a pillow B. a rock C. fog D. an open window
- Amber can run **as fast as** ...
A. the wind B. an elephant C. a turtle D. a snowstorm
- The road went off into the distance **as straight as** ...
A. a cyclone B. a figure-eight C. an arrow D. a bowling ball
- My mouth was **as dry as** ...
A. an ice cube B. a shower C. dust D. a river
- The night was **as black as** ...
A. snow B. a sunset C. coal D. a flower
- My grandfather's mind is still **as sharp as** ...
A. an eraser B. a dull knife C. a tack D. a pillow
- She seems to be **as bright as** ... !
A. a button B. glass C. a sunset D. a flower
- Although he has lost some weight, he is still **as strong as**
A. an ox B. fox C. snake D. elephant

SIMILES QUIZ 2

A simile is a comparison of one thing with another thing, for example:
He is **as brave as a lion**.

These are common English similes.

Match the beginnings in A with the endings in B (drag and drop)

A	
as clever as	
as shiny as	
as cold as	
as light as	
as happy as	
as dead as	
as deaf as	
as fit as	
as mad as	
as different as	
as dry as	
as busy as	

B
a doorpost
a witch's teat
night and day
a cartload of monkeys
a clam
a fiddle
a pin
a feather
a bone
a hatter
a doornail
a bee

SIMILES QUIZ 3

MEANING OF SIMILES

The meaning of some similes is not as obvious as it may seem. Choose (tick) what these similes mean:

as sweet as a nut	A	very sweet
	B	good, pleasant
	C	crazy
	D	tasting awful
as clear as mud	A	not clear at all
	B	crystal clear
	C	dirty
	D	awful
as genuine as a three-dollar bill	A	expensive
	B	real, genuine
	C	fake, not genuine
	D	cheap

SIMILES QUIZ 4

VERBAL SIMILES

We can also describe a person by comparing their actions to those of another person, animal, or object. We use the word **like** after the verb, for example: They fight **like cats and dogs** (= they fight violently, or often).

Match the beginnings in A to the endings in B (drag and drop):

A	
She smokes like	
The boy eats like	
He drinks like	
Last night, I slept like	
He is often tired. He works like	
I love this dress. It fits like	
He laughs like	

B
a horse
a hyena
a chimney
a dog
a log
a glove
a fish

ANSWERS

ANSWERS QUIZ 1

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|------|------|-------|
| 1. C | 5. B | 9. C |
| 2. D | 6. A | 10. C |
| 3. B | 7. C | 11. A |
| 4. A | 8. C | 12. A |

ANSWERS QUIZ 2

A	
as clever as	a cartload of monkeys
as shiny as	a pin
as cold as	a witch's teat
as light as	a feather
as happy as	a clam
as dead as	a doornail
as deaf as	a doorpost
as fit as	a fiddle
as mad as	a hatter
as different as	night and day
as dry as	a bone
as busy as	a bee

B	
	a doorpost
	a witch's teat
	night and day
	a cartload of monkeys
	a clam
	a hatter
	a pin
	a feather
	a bone
	a fiddle
	a doornail
	a bee

ANSWERS QUIZ 3

as sweet as a nut	A		very sweet
	B	X	good, pleasant
	C		crazy
	D		tasting awful
as clear as mud	A		crystal clear
	B	X	not clear at all
	C		dirty
	D		awful
as genuine as a three-dollar bill	A		expensive
	B		real, genuine
	C	X	fake, not genuine
	D		cheap

ANSWERS QUIZ 4

A	
She smokes like	a chimney
The boy eats like	a horse
He drinks like	a fish
Last night, I slept like	a log
He is often tired. He works like	a dog
I love this dress. It fits like	a glove
He laughs like	a hyena

B	
	a horse
	a hyena
	a chimney
	a dog
	a log
	a glove
	a fish

