

Splendid Similes



A simile is a way of describing something by comparing it to something else. Similes use the words 'like' or 'as'.

as sweet **as** a fresh strawberry

sharp **like** a shark's tooth

Step 1

Think of an adjective to describe each picture.

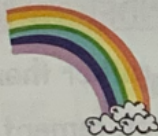


powerful



a storm


a volcano erupting



Step 3

Now use some of your answers from above to write your own similes. You'll need to use the word 'as' or 'like'.

Try to add some extra details if you can.


 The rocket is powerful like a volcano erupting.....
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Do you think a younger child would understand your similes?

Read the passage below. What do these similes suggest to you about the dog?

The dog was like a shadow in the corner of the room. The cat padded past, like an empress in her finery. The dog cowered under a chair, like a beetle under a rock.

 The similes make me think that the dog is
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Similes can be made better by adding extra details to them. Can you improve these similes?

as fit as an athlete →  as fit as an athlete at the Athletics Championships.....

as agile as a monkey →

unstable like jelly →

Sometimes similes go on to tell you exactly which bits of something they are referring to.

A good book is like a good chair — cosy and welcoming at any time of day.

The writer could just say 'a good book is cosy and welcoming...', but they describe the chair instead so we really imagine being comfortable too.

What does this simile make you think about the inspectors?

"The inspectors were like dust — everywhere and unwanted."



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Try not to write 'they are everywhere and unwanted'!