

KS1 English Quiz - Similes (Questions)

This quiz introduces children in Key Stage 1 to the idea of similes. The key aim in this quiz is for them to learn that the words 'like' or 'as' are used and that the content should involve comparing two items or things. This will aid the poetry section of their curriculum, and add to their expanding knowledge of the English language and literacy.

When learning poetry, you may learn about similes. A simile is when you compare two things, like 'her hair was as gold as the sun.' Here we are comparing hair to the sun. We would always compare these two things with the words 'like' or 'as'.

1. Smile _ a hyena. What's the missing word?



- ☐ as
- ☐ like
- ☐ before
- ☐ and

2. Finish this simile: slow as a...



- ☐ snail
- ☐ cheetah
- ☐ giraffe
- ☐ car

3. Finish this simile: Without her glasses she is as blind as a ...



- ☐ dog
- ☐ chicken
- ☐ runner bean
- ☐ bat

4. Finish this simile: She went as red as a...



- ☐ blueberry
- ☐ strawberry
- ☐ cucumber
- ☐ orange

5. Finish this simile: Strong like a...



- ☐ flea
- ☐ bull
- ☐ piece of paper
- ☐ cotton wool

6. Finish the simile: fluffy like...



- ☐ wood
- ☐ metal
- ☐ cotton wool
- ☐ sandpaper

7. Which two words do similes always use to compare?



- ☐ like and as
- ☐ like and if
- ☐ like and why
- ☐ as and no

8. She was brave _ a lion. What's the missing word?



- ☐ as
- ☐ because
- ☐ before
- ☐ so

9. Finish this simile: As tall as a...



- ☐ mouse
- ☐ woodlouse
- ☐ giraffe
- ☐ ant

10. Finish this simile: He runs as fast as...



- ☐ a snail
- ☐ a donkey
- ☐ lightning
- ☐ a worm

KS1 English Quiz - Similes (Answers)

1. Smile _ a hyena. What's the missing word?



- ☐ as
- ☒ like
- ☐ before
- ☐ and

This means you are giving a really broad, wide smile.

2. Finish this simile: slow as a...



- ☒ snail
- ☐ cheetah
- ☐ giraffe
- ☐ car

Although giraffes aren't necessarily fast animals, we always pick the most obvious and extreme possibility. We do this for effect.

3. Finish this simile: Without her glasses she is as blind as a ...



- ☐ dog
- ☐ chicken
- ☐ runner bean
- ☒ bat

This is a common saying but the truth is, many bats can see and do have good vision!

4. Finish this simile: She went as red as a...



- ☐ blueberry
- ☒ strawberry
- ☐ cucumber
- ☐ orange

The average strawberry has around 200 seeds in it.

5. Finish this simile: Strong like a...



- ☐ flea
- ☒ bull
- ☐ piece of paper
- ☐ cotton wool

Here you have to think of the strongest item on the list, which is a bull.

6. Finish the simile: fluffy like...



- ☐ wood
- ☐ metal
- ☒ cotton wool
- ☐ sandpaper

The reason poets use similes is to create an image, a vision in your mind, of what they are trying to say.

7. Which two words do similes always use to compare?



- ☒ like and as
- ☐ like and if
- ☐ like and why
- ☐ as and no

A simile will always have either the word 'like' or 'as' in it.

8. She was brave _ a lion. What's the missing word?



- ☒ as
- ☐ because
- ☐ before
- ☐ so

We are comparing someone being brave to being like a lion - this is what a simile is!

9. Finish this simile: As tall as a...



- ☐ mouse
- ☐ woodlouse
- ☒ giraffe
- ☐ ant

Giraffes are the tallest animals on the planet!

10. Finish this simile: He runs as fast as...



- ☐ a snail
- ☐ a donkey
- ☒ lightning
- ☐ a worm

When we compare two things, it has to be relevant. If we said someone ran as fast as a snail, that wouldn't make sense as snails are slow.