

KS3 English Quiz - Similes 01 (Questions)

A simile (pronounced **si mil ee**) compares two unlike things and the sentence usually contains "like" or "as". Similes can really enhance English and even bring a smile (nearly a simile!) to the face.

How often do you use similes? Have you ever heard that someone "smells like roses"? That is an example of a simile, often used ironically for someone who is not innocent and therefore does NOT "smell like roses". Colours are often compared to natural objects with which everyone is familiar, which involves employing a simile: something might be "as blue as the sky" or "as green as grass". The "as...as...." construction is typical for similes and helps us to picture whatever is being described.

Whereas your goal with some similes might be to help someone understand exactly what you mean, at other times you will want to invent a creative simile, one with which your reader will not already be familiar. In such cases you'll want to avoid clichés like "as brittle as glass", "as playful as a puppy" or "as hot as an oven" in order to come up with something arresting: "he leapt about like a new lamb on a fresh April morning", for instance. This simile builds on the familiar (leaping like a lamb), but adds extra detail to avoid sounding stale.

Test your knowledge of similes with this quiz.

<p>1. Complete the following popular simile. He swims like</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a baby <input type="checkbox"/> a fish <input type="checkbox"/> a monster <input type="checkbox"/> an eel</p>	<p>2. Complete the following popular simile. I was very tired last night; I slept like</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a cat <input type="checkbox"/> a dog <input type="checkbox"/> a log <input type="checkbox"/> a twig</p>
<p>3. Complete the following popular simile. She is as sly as</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a cat <input type="checkbox"/> a dog <input type="checkbox"/> a fox <input type="checkbox"/> a peacock</p>	<p>4. Complete the following popular simile. The young man was as proud as</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a cat <input type="checkbox"/> a dog <input type="checkbox"/> a fox <input type="checkbox"/> a peacock</p>
<p>5. Complete the following popular simile. The brothers are as alike as</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> two beans <input type="checkbox"/> two peas <input type="checkbox"/> two potatoes <input type="checkbox"/> two tomatoes</p>	<p>6. Complete the following popular simile. The room was as cold as</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ice <input type="checkbox"/> marble <input type="checkbox"/> snow <input type="checkbox"/> stone</p>
<p>7. Complete the following popular simile. The professor was as wise as</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a fox <input type="checkbox"/> a hare <input type="checkbox"/> an eel <input type="checkbox"/> an owl</p>	<p>8. Complete the following popular simile. The kitten was trembling like</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a branch <input type="checkbox"/> a leaf <input type="checkbox"/> a piece of paper <input type="checkbox"/> a tissue</p>
<p>9. Complete the following popular simile. The confident leader was as bold as</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> brass <input type="checkbox"/> bronze <input type="checkbox"/> gold <input type="checkbox"/> silver</p>	<p>10. Complete the following popular simile. The puppies were as mad as</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> cats <input type="checkbox"/> dogs <input type="checkbox"/> hatters <input type="checkbox"/> penguins</p>

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1. Complete the following popular simile.

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- a baby
- a fish
- a monster
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Similes usually contain "like" or "as"

2. Complete the following popular simile.

I was very tired last night; I slept like

- a cat
- a dog
- a log
- a twig

Lots of similes are very commonly used comparisons. You wouldn't have much of a chance trying to wake up a log, would you?

3. Complete the following popular simile.

She is as sly as

- a cat
- a dog
- a fox
- a peacock

Some similes contain "as" and then "as" again to make a comparison

4. Complete the following popular simile.

The young man was as proud as

- a cat
- a dog
- a fox
- a peacock

When you see a peacock you will see what is meant!

5. Complete the following popular simile.

The brothers are as alike as

- two beans
- two peas
- two potatoes
- two tomatoes

"Like two peas in a pod" is a common simile

6. Complete the following popular simile.

The room was as cold as

- ice
- marble
- snow
- stone

This simile suggests that the room was very cold

7. Complete the following popular simile.

The professor was as wise as

- a fox
- a hare
- an eel
- an owl

Using similes will make your writing interesting

8. Complete the following popular simile.

The kitten was trembling like

- a branch
- a leaf
- a piece of paper
- a tissue

Watch out for "like" or "as" when spotting similes

9. Complete the following popular simile.

The confident leader was as bold as

- brass
- bronze
- gold
- silver

Use similes to make your writing and speaking vivid. Similes can age, however. What do you think is meant by "as bold as brass"?

10. Complete the following popular simile.

The puppies were as mad as

- cats
- dogs
- hatters
- penguins

A similar simile is "As mad as a March hare"