

# Similes and Metaphors

**simile** → a comparison between two different things, using the words 'as' or 'like'.

example

Laila was as fast as a cheetah.



**metaphor** → a comparison between the description of one thing to another. It does not contain the words 'like' or 'as'.

example

My grandma is a tortoise when we go for walks.



1. Complete the **similes** below using the words from the word bank.

kitten	feather	bat
brass	button	ice

a) as cold as \_\_\_\_\_

d) as bold as \_\_\_\_\_

b) as cute as a \_\_\_\_\_

e) as light as a \_\_\_\_\_

c) as blind as a \_\_\_\_\_

f) as bright as a \_\_\_\_\_

2. Match the boxes to complete the **metaphors**.

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a fashion show.

The computers at school are

wooden face.

My sister thinks her life is

sharp, white daggers.

The detective stared at the villain with a

balls of cotton wool.

The clouds were

old dinosaurs.

3. Tick the correct box to show whether the sentence includes a simile or a metaphor.

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Hannah's hair was as wild as a lion's mane.		

4. Explain what the meaning of the similes and metaphors are. Look at the example to help you.

a) The queue was a snake slithering out of the shop and around the corner.

This suggests that the queue was long and thin. The verb 'slithering' suggests that it was moving very slowly.

b) A wave of terror washed over the child as he approached his new school.

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b) A wave of terror washed over the child as he approached his new school.

*The child was feeling extremely nervous and these nerves were felt by the boy all at once like when a wave hits you at the beach. If it was a 'wave of terror' it suggests it was a negative emotion that he could not avoid.*

c) Jake tried his best to catch the ball but it was as slippery as an eel.

*This suggests that the ball was hard to catch as it likens it to an eel. Eels live in the water and are smooth and slippery which would make it almost impossible to catch.*

d) Hannah's hair was as wild as a lion's mane.

*Lions are known for having large, unruly manes. This suggests that Hannah had a lot of hair and it was messy and not very tidy.*