

## Similes

A **simile** is a comparison of two things using the words **like** or **as**.



As sweet as honey



(Racing) like a frightened rabbit

## Similes

A **simile** is used to describe something by comparing it to something else. It is a figure of speech in English, used in normal conversation as well as literary language. Similes use words such as like, as, or such, for comparison.

Common similes are as follows:

- As gentle as a lamb
- As black as coal
- As playful as a kitten
- As regular as clock work
- As sweet as honey
- As smooth as silk
- As cold as ice
- As slippery as an eel
- As busy as a bee
- As blind as a bat
- As agile as a monkey
- As cool as cucumber
- A light as a feather
- As tough as nails
- As tall as a giraffe
- As bold as brass
- As brave as a lion
- As white as snow
- As bright as a button
- As cheap as dirt
- As warm as toast
- As cunning as a fox
- As deaf as a post
- As heavy as lead
- As proud as a peacock
- As sweet as pie
- As tall as a giraffe
- As timid as a rabbit
- As useless as a chocolate teapot
- As thin as a rake
- As wise as an owl
- As tight as a drum
- As tough as old boots
- As old as the hills
- As busy as a beaver
- As hungry as a wolf
- As large as life
- As alike as two peas in a pod
- As innocent as a lamb
- As black as coal
- As dry as a bone
- As free as a bird

Similes can also start with 'like'.

- (Sing) like an angel
- (Fight) like cats and dogs
- (Eat) like a bird
- (Work) like a dog
- (Soar) like an eagle
- Like fingernails on a chalkboard
- (Racing) like a frightened rabbit

Now, try your hand at similes. Fill in the blanks in each of the following sentences, to complete the simile and the meaning of the sentence. You can pick the words from those given below.

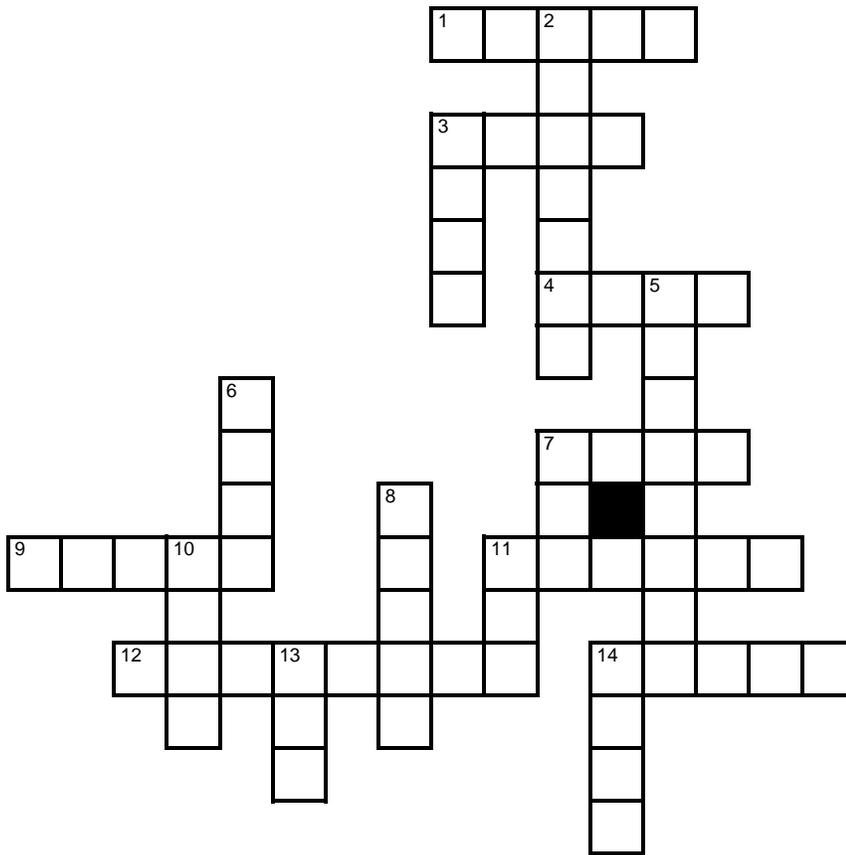
Word Bank

**gold    cucumber    bone    mule    leather    snail    swan**  
**toast    fiddle    rain    whistle    doornail**

1. We were as warm as \_\_\_\_\_ in our beds.
2. When the lion escaped, the zookeeper was as cool as \_\_\_\_\_
3. I am afraid the idea is as dead as a \_\_\_\_\_
4. My leg is as good as \_\_\_\_\_ after the operation.
5. When Martha dances, she is as graceful as a \_\_\_\_\_
6. This piece of meat is as tough as \_\_\_\_\_
7. I could not get Soula to change her mind; she is as stubborn as a  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. After she has a rest Sally will be as right as \_\_\_\_\_
9. After I mopped it, the kitchen floor was as clean as a \_\_\_\_\_
10. It is such a hot day. I am dry as a \_\_\_\_\_
11. Although he is over eighty, Mr. Herman is as fit as a \_\_\_\_\_
12. Mike is always last in line. He is as slow as a \_\_\_\_\_



# Simile Crossword



## Across

1. As \_\_\_\_\_ as a feather.
3. Fly like a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Swim like a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Cry like a \_\_\_\_\_.
9. As \_\_\_\_\_ as a bunny.
11. As \_\_\_\_\_ as an ox.
12. As \_\_\_\_\_ as an eel.
14. As slow as a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Down

2. As tall as a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. As \_\_\_\_\_ a bee.
5. As \_\_\_\_\_ as a mule.
6. Waddle means to walk like a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. As blind as a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. As \_\_\_\_\_ as a mouse.
10. As \_\_\_\_\_ as ice.
11. As \_\_\_\_\_ as a fox.
13. Eat like a \_\_\_\_\_.
14. As white as \_\_\_\_\_.

## Similes with As

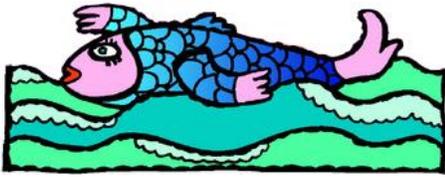
Fit these adjectives into the sentences below.

fast	pale	blind	light
flat	sharp	thin	noisy
slippery	black	colorful	wise



- (1) Without his glasses, he's as \_\_\_\_\_ as a bat.
- (2) That's a pretty dress! It's as \_\_\_\_\_ as a rainbow.
- (3) Be quiet. You are as \_\_\_\_\_ as a herd of elephants.
- (4) Are you feeling sick? You are as \_\_\_\_\_ as a ghost.
- (5) Her hands are dirty. They are as \_\_\_\_\_ as night.
- (6) She's quick. She's as \_\_\_\_\_ as lightning.
- (7) After he squished it, it was as \_\_\_\_\_ as a pancake.
- (8) I can't grab it. It's as \_\_\_\_\_ as an eel.
- (9) She is so skinny. She's as \_\_\_\_\_ as a toothpick.
- (10) Don't touch that broken glass. It's as \_\_\_\_\_ as a razor.
- (11) It doesn't weigh much. It's as \_\_\_\_\_ as air.
- (12) He's really smart. He's as \_\_\_\_\_ as an owl.

# Similes



Similes are a way to compare two things using 'like' or 'as'. For example, if I want to say that somebody *swims well*, I can say they *swim like a fish* because fish swim well. There are two basic patterns that you can use.

Pattern 1:

**like**

verb + like + noun

Examples

She swims like a fish.

He looks like an ogre.

She plays like a pro.

Pattern 2:

**as**

as + adjective + as + noun

Examples

He is as tall as a giant.

She is as fast as a rocket.

He is as graceful as a swan.

How could I say that somebody:

runs fast

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is pretty

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jumps well

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is strong

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How could I say that something:

is hard

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feels soft

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is sweet

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feels rough

# Answers

## Fill in the blanks

1. toast

2. cucumber

3. doornail

4. gold

5. swan

6. leather

7. mule

8. rain

9. whistle

10. bone

11. fiddle

12. snail

## Crossword

### Across

1. light

3. bird

4. fish

7. baby

9. quick

11. strong

12. slippery

14. sloth

### Down

2. giraffe

3. busy

5. stubborn

6. duck

7. bat

8. quiet

10. cold

11. sly

13. pig

14. snow

## Fill in the blanks

1. blind

2. colorful

3. noisy

4. pale

5. black

6. fast

7. flat

8. slippery

9. thin

10. sharp

11. light

12. wise