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# Similes

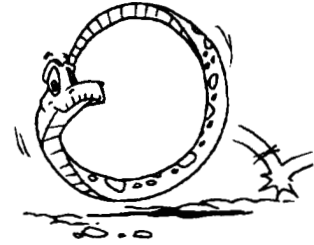
**Similes** are special word pictures used in poems. Similes make a comparison between two objects or ideas. They use the words “like” or “as” to highlight the comparison. The two things are very different from each other. But the poet uses a simile to point out the one way they are alike or similar. For example:

*Waves as frothy as shaving lather*

*Fireflies twinkling like stars*

*A black snake rolled round as a rubber tire*

*Snow-covered bushes looking like popcorn balls*



**Use the list below to write some similes. Match the phrases in Column A with those in Column B. Write the complete simile on the lines.**

## Column A

- eyes as green as
- handshake as strong as
- people crowded together like
- rainbow as colorful as
- a pale moon sailing like
- clouds soft and fluffy like

## Column B

- an Easter egg
- marshmallows
- emeralds
- a garden full of spring flowers
- a vise
- a ghostly pirate ship

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**Now try to write a few of your own similes for these words:**

a pillow as soft as \_\_\_\_\_

a man strong like \_\_\_\_\_

a night sky as glittery as \_\_\_\_\_

a rose as red as \_\_\_\_\_

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# Metaphors

**Metaphors** are just like similes. They show a comparison. But, they do not use the words “like” or “as” in the comparison. Metaphors just say that one thing is the other thing. For example:

*An old man’s face is a leather mask.*

*The Halloween moon was a pumpkin in the night sky.*

*Thorns were tiny claws in the hiker’s clothes.*

*The football player was a charging bull against the other team.*

**Use the list below to write some metaphors. Match the phrases in Column A with those in Column B. Write the complete metaphors on the lines.**

## Column A

a seashell is  
the dandelion was  
the green grass was  
the kitchen toaster is  
the road at night is  
father’s anger was

## Column B

a rocket blasting off  
a fishy palace  
a soft carpet amid the trees  
a soldier with a golden helmet  
a silver dragon  
a ribbon of moonlight

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**Now try to write a few of your own metaphors for these words:**

A power lawnmower is \_\_\_\_\_

Her eyes were \_\_\_\_\_

A dish of oatmeal is \_\_\_\_\_

My faithful dog was \_\_\_\_\_

The noon-day sun is \_\_\_\_\_

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### PRACTICE WITH SIMILES AND METAPHORS

Read each poem below. Decide if it has a simile or a metaphor in it. Copy each poem under the correct title.

1. *At the end of the day,  
The old sun falls into the sea  
Like a ripe plum.*
2. *Where new homes will soon rise,  
The earth-moving machines  
Are dinosaurs with great jaws  
Scooping up the land.*
3. *As I walked home through the meadow,  
The tall green grasses  
Were silken fingers  
Brushing against my legs.*
4. *In the apple orchard,  
The gnarled old tree  
Leaned like an old man  
Upon his cane.*



#### SIMILES

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#### METAPHORS

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