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simile – a comparison between two unlike things through the use of connecting words, usually *like* or *as*

A simile can make a description more vivid.

as elegant as a rose

as clear as mud

fits like a glove

as cold as ice

busy as a bee

as sweet as honey

runs like the wind

moves like a gazelle

as meek as a lamb

like a fish out of water

shone like diamonds in the sky

as different as night and day

as deep as the ocean

as light as a feather

slept like a baby

like a good neighbor

as fast as lightning

swims like a fish

brave as a lion

sharp as a tack

eats like a pig

hair as black as night

like the call of a trumpet

fight like cats and dogs



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Examples of Similes

O my Luve is like a red, red rose.

– Robert Burns

Marley was as dead as a door-nail.

– Charles Dickens

He had a broad face and a little round belly that
shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

– Clement Clarke Moore

When she spoke, he thought he heard bells,
as if she were a garbage truck backing up.

– Unknown

As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, O God.

– Psalms 42:1

I wandered lonely as a cloud that floats
on high o'er vales and hills.

– William Wordsworth



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Can you find the similes in the following poems?



The Eagle

He clasps the crag with crooked hands;
Close to the sun in lonely lands,
Ring'd with the azure world, he stands.

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls;
He watches from his mountain walls,
And like a thunderbolt he falls.

by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Excerpt from **My Shadow**

The funniest thing about him is the way he likes to grow—
Not at all like proper children, which is always very slow;
For he sometimes shoots up taller like an india-rubber ball,
And he sometimes gets so little that there's none of him at all.

by Robert Louis Stevenson



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