

SIMILES

- Comparisons that use the word like or as are called similes.
- We use **similes** to explain or describe things more clearly.
- Examples: He ran as fast as a greyhound.
She looked like a million dollars

Write a sentence to fit these similes.

- _____ like a mountain stream.
- _____ as sand through his fingers.
- _____ as a sack of stones.
- _____ like tangled hair.
- _____ like cold, mashed potatoes.



Complete these similes:

- The giant was as tall as _____.
- The house with its broken shutters and peeling paintwork looked like _____.
- The sprinters left the starting-blocks like _____.
- The jet trailed its smoke across the sky like _____.
- The feeling you get before the parachute opens is like _____.
- Lying alone in the dark house, knowing that there was an intruder downstairs, Michael felt fear and anger rising in him like _____.
- Not quite asleep, not quite awake, stray thoughts and disconnected dreams flitted about her head like _____.
- Paul leaned on the low wall and watched the gulls being blown about like _____.
- Her fingers were so cold they felt like _____.
- The water splashing over his face was _____.

Some similes are so overused that they have become

clichés

Everybody uses them, and they have long ago lost their freshness and originality.

Can you complete these "clichéd" similes?

As white as _____.

As happy as _____.

As pale as _____.

As black as _____.

As busy as _____.

As heavy as _____.

as dead as _____.