

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_.