Similes and Metaphors

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **simile** compares two things using **like** or **as**: *as quiet as a mouse*, *swims like a fish*. A **metaphor** says one thing **is** another: *The snow is a white blanket.*

Quick check: like or as → simile · no like or as → metaphor



1. Simile or metaphor?

Circle **simile** or **metaphor**.

1	The snow was like a soft white blanket.	simile	metaphor
2	The snow was a soft white blanket.	simile	metaphor
3	My brother is as busy as a bee.	simile	metaphor
4	My brother is a busy bee.	simile	metaphor
5	Her eyes sparkled like diamonds.	simile	metaphor
6	The classroom was a zoo today.	simile	metaphor
7	The baby slept like a log.	simile	metaphor
8	Dad is a bear in the morning.	simile	metaphor

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2. Finish the simile

Finish each simile with your own comparison.

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2. as cold as _____

3. ran like _____

4. as bright as _____

5. as soft as _____

Answer Key

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2. Finish the simile

Answers will vary. These are examples.

1. as tall as _____
   as tall as a giraffe
2. as cold as _____
   as cold as an ice cube
3. ran like _____
   ran like the wind
4. as bright as _____
   as bright as the sun
5. as soft as _____
   as soft as a kitten's fur