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Identifying Similes and Metaphors

Read each example. Determine whether each is a simile or metaphor. Choose your answer and explain which two things are being compared.

1. The baby was like an octopus, grabbing at all the cans on the grocery store shelves.

   SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

2. As the teacher entered the room she muttered under her breath, "This class is like a three-ring circus!"

   SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

3. The giant's steps were thunder as he ran toward Jack.

   SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

4. The pillow was a cloud when I put my head upon it after a long day.

   SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

5. Those girls are like two peas in a pod

   SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

6. The fluorescent light was the sun during our test.

   SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

7. No one invites Harold to parties because he's a wet blanket.

   SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

8. The bar of soap was a slippery eel during the dog's bath.

   SIMILE METAPHOR

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What are the things being compared? _____

9. Ted was as nervous as a cat with a long tail in a room full of rocking chairs.
SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

10. Her temper was as explosive as a bomb.
SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

11. Your smile is sunshine to me.
SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

12. The herd of approaching elephants sounded like rolling thunder.
SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

13. His life was an open book.
SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

14. The thunder was as loud as fireworks.
SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

15. The cat's fur was a blanket of warmth.
SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

16. The fireworks were a lantern in the sky.
SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

17. Mary was as sweet as pie.
SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

18. Cindy is a fish when she swims.

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What are the things being compared? _____

19. Tom is like a computer when he does his math.

SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

20. The lamp was a beacon of sunshine.

SIMILE METAPHOR

What are the things being compared? _____

Write 3 sentences that contain simile and metaphor.

SIMILE	METAPHOR
1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.

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