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A simile is a comparison of one thing with another thing, for example *He is **as brave as a lion**.*

These are common English similes. Match the beginnings in A with the endings in B (drag and drop):

A

as clever as

as shiny as

as cold as

as light as

as happy as

as dead as

as deaf as

as fit as

as mad as

as different as

as dry as

as busy as

B

a doorpost

a witch's teat

night and day

a cartload of monkeys

a clam

a fiddle

a pin

a feather

a bone

a hatter

a doornail

a bee

Meaning of similes

The meaning of some similes is not as obvious as it may seem. Choose what these similes mean:

sweet as a nut:

as clear as mud:

as genuine as a three-dollar bill:

Verbal similes

We can also describe a person by comparing their actions to those of another person, animal, or object. We use the word **like** after the verb, for example *They fight **like** cats and dogs* (= they fight violently, or often).

Match the beginnings in A to the endings in B:

A

She smokes like

The boy eats like

He drinks like

Last night, I slept like

He is often tired. He works like

I love this dress. It fits like

He laughs like

B

a horse

a hyena

a chimney

a dog

a log

a glove

a fish