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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	B
as clever as	a doorpost
as shiny as	a witch's teat
as cold as	night and day
as light as	a cartload of monkeys
as happy as	a clam
as dead as	a fiddle
as deaf as	a pin
as fit as	a feather
as mad as	a bone
as different as	a hatter
as dry as	a doornail
as busy as	a bee

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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	B
She smokes like	a horse
The boy eats like	a hyena
He drinks like	a chimney
Last night, I slept like	a dog
He is often tired. He works like	a log
I love this dress. It fits like	a glove
He laughs like	a fish

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