

## Similes and Metaphors



A simile uses “like” or “as” to compare two things

A metaphor compares two things without using “like” or “as”.

**Directions:** Underline the two words in each sentence that are being compared. In the blank, write M if the sentence contains a metaphor or S if the sentence contains a simile.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The football player ate like a horse.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The toddler was a tornado blowing through the house.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ During the play, the little girl was as quiet as a mouse.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ My hands were raisins after I swam in the pool for 3 hours.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ His snores were as loud as a chainsaw.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ His words were a dagger in my heart.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ The burned popcorn in the microwave smelled like death.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ The boxer dropped like a rock when he was knocked out.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ The joints of the old man were rusty hinges.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ The student’s bad attitude was a black cloud in the classroom.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ My grandfather’s old dog was a gentle as a lamb.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ My stomachache was like a punch in the stomach.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ The old soldier was as tough as nails.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ The car accident was described as a nightmare.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ The mistake of the student was a major red flag.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ The baby’s skin was as smooth as silk.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ The angry man was a ticking time bomb.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ In the dark room, the cat’s eyes glowed like little nightlights.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ My heart melted like an ice cream sundae on a warm summer day.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ I think the little boy was a shining star in the school play.

## Personification



**Personification occurs when an author gives human characteristics or actions to an inanimate object or idea.**

**Directions: Complete the following sentences with examples of personification. The first two are done for you.**

1. My stomach complained because I was so hungry.
2. The wind whispered as it blew through the woods.
3. The bat \_\_\_\_\_ when the baseball player hit the ball.
4. The floor of the old house \_\_\_\_\_ when I walked across it.
5. The teapot \_\_\_\_\_ on the stove.
6. The dry ground \_\_\_\_\_ the entire bucket of water.
7. My alarm clock \_\_\_\_\_ at me every morning.
8. The dry plant was \_\_\_\_\_ for water.
9. I need my radio to \_\_\_\_\_ me a happy tune and cheer me up.
10. The cold January air \_\_\_\_\_ me right in the face.
11. The puzzle \_\_\_\_\_ at me when I couldn't solve it.
12. The fire \_\_\_\_\_ the pile of wood in a matter of minutes.
13. The painting \_\_\_\_\_ at me, no matter where I stood.
14. The palm tree \_\_\_\_\_ in the sea breeze.

**Directions: Underline four examples of personification in the paragraph below.**

The month of December brought me so many blessings. My family came to visit for the holidays. My cousins were the first arrive. They came in an old car that groaned as it pulled into our driveway. My grandparents flew in the next day. The gift that they brought for me was huge, and it was calling my name under the tree for three days. The lights on the Christmas tree winked at me, as if they knew what was in the box. I got everything that I wanted for Christmas, and I had a great time with my family.