

Similes

A **simile** is a figure of speech that compares two different things in an interesting way. The object of a simile is to spark an interesting connection in a reader's or listener's mind. A simile is one of the most common forms of figurative language. Examples of similes can be found just about anywhere from poems to song lyrics and even in everyday conversations.

Similes and **metaphors** are often confused with one another. The main difference between a simile and metaphor is that a simile uses the words "like" or "as" to draw a comparison and a metaphor simply states the comparison without using "like" or "as".

An example of a simile: She is as innocent as an angel.

An example of a metaphor is: She is an angel.

Do you see the difference? The simile makes a direct comparison, the metaphor's comparison is implied but not stated.

Can you underline the expressions that are the same in Greek?

- You were as brave as a lion.
- They fought like cats and dogs.
- He is as funny as a barrel of monkeys.
- This house is as clean as a whistle.
- He is as strong as an ox.
- They are as different as night and day.
- She is as thin as a rake.
- As wise as an owl
- As warm as toast
- Last night, I slept like a log.
- As blind as a bat
- As big as an elephant
- As cunning as a fox
- As sweet as pie
- As heavy as lead
- As flat as a pancake
- Sing like an angel
- Eat like a bird
- Work like a dog
- Swim like a fish
- Sound like fingernails on a chalkboard

