

Similes and Metaphors

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Read each sentence carefully. Write S if it contains a simile or M if it contains a metaphor. Then complete the sentence stems at the end by writing your own simile or metaphor.

1. The moon was as bright as a flashlight in the sky.
2. My little brother is a monkey when he climbs on the furniture.
3. The snowflakes fell like feathers from the clouds.
4. Her smile was sunshine on a rainy day.
5. The old car sputtered and coughed like it had a cold.
6. The classroom was a zoo during indoor recess.
7. Dad's pancakes were as flat as paper this morning.
8. Time is a thief that steals our childhood.
9. The dancer moved across the stage like a graceful swan.
10. Write your own simile: The stars twinkled like _____.
11. Write your own metaphor: The thunder was _____.
12. Write your own simile: After running the race, I felt as _____ as _____.

Answer Key — Similes and Metaphors

For the teacher / parent. Do not distribute with the worksheet.

1. S (*Uses 'as...as' to compare the moon to a flashlight*)
2. M (*Directly says the brother is a monkey without using like or as*)
3. S (*Uses 'like' to compare snowflakes to feathers*)
4. M (*Directly says the smile was sunshine without using like or as*)
5. S (*Uses 'like' to compare the car's sounds to having a cold*)
6. M (*Directly says the classroom was a zoo without using like or as*)
7. S (*Uses 'as...as' to compare pancakes to paper*)
8. M (*Directly says time is a thief without using like or as*)
9. S (*Uses 'like' to compare the dancer to a swan*)
10. Answers will vary (any comparison using 'like' is correct, such as 'diamonds' or 'tiny lights') (*Student must complete with a comparison object*)
11. Answers will vary (any direct comparison without like or as is correct, such as 'a drum in the sky' or 'an angry giant') (*Student must complete with a direct comparison*)
12. Answers will vary (any comparison using 'as...as' is correct, such as 'as tired as a sleepy bear' or 'as hot as an oven') (*Student must complete with a comparison using the as...as structure*)