

Similes

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Complete each simile below. The answers are in the box at the foot of the page.

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2. The secret agent was as cunning as a _____
3. When he saw the beast, his face went as white as a _____
4. I can pick that up easily. It is as light as a _____
5. When the army attacked, the captain remained as cool as a _____
6. The children listened to the teacher. Her voice was as clear as a _____
7. The awkward customer was as stubborn as a _____
8. The children were as good as _____ for the substitute teacher.
9. The athletes trained hard and were as fit as _____
10. The boy is smart. In fact, he's as sharp as a _____
11. The footballer runs like the _____
12. She sang like a _____
13. The comedian had his audience laughing like _____
14. The gold bracelet shone like the _____
15. When she became embarrassed, her face turned as red as a _____

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4. I can pick that up easily. It is as light as a feather
5. When the army attacked, the captain remained as cool as a cucumber
6. The children listened to the teacher. Her voice was as clear as a bell
7. The awkward customer was as stubborn as a mule
8. The children were as good as gold for the substitute teacher.
9. The athletes trained hard and were as fit as fiddles
10. The boy is smart. In fact, he's as sharp as a knife
11. The footballer runs like the wind
12. She sang like a canary
13. The comedian had his audience laughing like hyenas
14. The gold bracelet shone like the sun
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Similes – Part 2 – Be Creative!

Now that you know how to use similes, try making some of your own. Write a sentence for each of the words below, comparing it to something well known for such properties.

For example: 'vast' could be: 'the desert was as vast as the Grand Canyon.'

Try writing a sentence for each of these...

1. rapid

2. scary

3. horrible

4. disgusting

5. enormous

6. fantastic

7. wonderful

8. vicious

9. far away
