



## As similar as a simile

### CAPS Statement

#### Reading & Viewing

Reads poem/poems:

Discusses comparisons, e.g. 'He sings like a bird'; 'She is a star.'

### Note

A simile uses 'as' or 'like' when comparing two things that are not actually alike but have similar characteristics:

- She sings like a bird  
(She is not actually a bird, but her singing is so beautiful it is similar to a bird's singing)
- He is as strong as an ox.  
(He is not really an ox, but his strength is similar to an ox's strength.)

### Activity 1

Use words from the word well to complete these 'as' similes. Some examples have been done for you.

#### Example

As tall as a giraffe.

As snug as a bug in a rug.

cold

light

busy

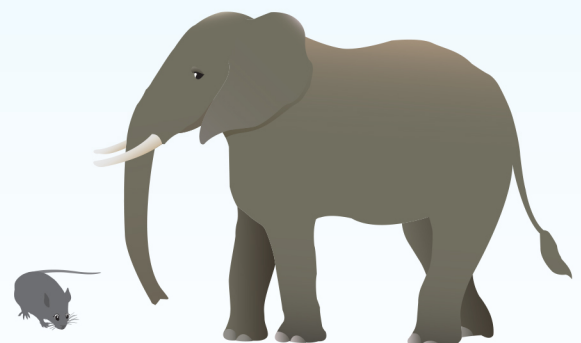
thin

big

quiet

quick

- ① As \_\_\_\_\_ as an elephant.
- ② As \_\_\_\_\_ as a bee.
- ③ As \_\_\_\_\_ as ice.
- ④ As \_\_\_\_\_ as a feather.
- ⑤ As \_\_\_\_\_ as a mouse.
- ⑥ As \_\_\_\_\_ as lightning.
- ⑦ As \_\_\_\_\_ as a rake.





## Activity 2

Listen as your teacher reads this poem. Underline all the similes. Remember, similes are phrases that use 'as' or 'like' to tell us how someone or something is similar to something else.

### *My Family*

*My mom is like a fire.*

*She is wonderfully warm, but sometimes gets too hot.*

*My brother is as troublesome as a tornado.*

*He is fast and furious and causes damage wherever he goes.*

*My sister is like a snowstorm.*

*She looks pretty and icy at times, but with a little bit of sunshine, the iciness melts away.*

*Together our family is as changing as the weather.*

*We have moments of darkness and gloom, but the sun always shines through in the end.*

- ① What simile describes Mom? \_\_\_\_\_
- ② How is Mom similar to a fire? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ③ Who is similar to a tornado (a very strong wind)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ④ What do my brother and a tornado both do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ⑤ What is my sister said to be like? \_\_\_\_\_

### Teacher Tip

Point out that the word 'simile' is very like the word 'similar', meaning alike or related.

There are many well-known similes in English, but unless learners are asked for a known simile (e.g. as red as blood), they must feel free to make their writing more interesting by making up similes of their own.

