

Similies 1

Name _____ Date _____

Similes are comparisons that show how two things that are not alike in most ways are similar in one important way. Similes describe something. Authors use them to make their writing more interesting or entertaining.

Similes use the words “as” or “like” to make the connection between the two things that are being compared.

Examples:

1. Playing checkers with Ashley is **like** trying to outsmart a computer.

The activity “playing checkers with Ashley” is being compared to “trying to outsmart a computer.” The meaning is that Ashley can think in a powerful manner that resembles the way a computer operates. It does not mean that she is like a computer in any other way.

2. Nhan’s temper was **as** explosive **as** a volcano.

Nhan’s temper is being compared to a volcano because his anger can arise quickly and violently.

Assignment: *Underline the word or phrase that is being described by each simile. Put parentheses around the word or phrase it is being compared to. The first three have been done for you.*

1. Mary frowned and said, “I believe that gambling at the roulette table is like (playing with fire).”

2. I walked along the empty beach. My sadness was as unending as the (waves).

3. Don’t tell Amy that her cookies taste like (lumps of sand).

4. Sam waited for Bill to stop pouting. “Bill, I think you are acting like an infant,” she said.

5. Karen was offended when I said that she was as flaky as a snowstorm.

6. Be careful when you drive. The roads are as slippery as greased glass.

7. I’m uncomfortable in this situation. I feel like a bug under a magnifying glass.

8. I hoped his marriage to her would be forever. However, I think it will last only as long as a balloon in a roomful of kittens.

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10. Cheryl's phony smile is as sweet and sincere as (cotton candy).