

# *Similes* and Metaphors

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Similes and metaphors are often confused.

This work will help you to sort them out.

Simile - when something is 'like' or 'as' something.

*E.g. The flower was sweet like honey. The flower was as sweet as honey.*

Metaphor - when the object becomes what it is being compared to. They are the item they are being described as.

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfkk7ty/articles/z9tkxfr>

Can you sort these sentences into similes and metaphors. You can sort them into 2 groups or you can simply write (S) or (M) next to them.

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His ears were cauliflowers

Her coat was as  
smooth as silk.

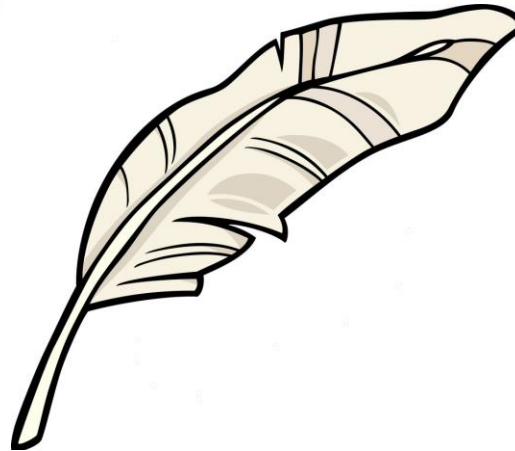
She was as cunning as a fox.

He was a sneaky snake  
towards his friends.

It was raining cats and dogs.

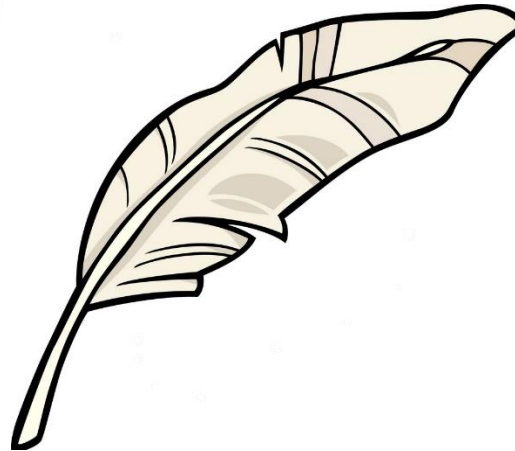
His words were like music to my ears.

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Write similes for these items: an aeroplane, a runner and a feather.

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Write metaphors for these items: an aeroplane, a runner and a feather.

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## Challenge!

Look at the following text and identify the **similes** and **metaphors** buried in the sentences:

### The Door

Creaking like a floorboard, the door cautiously opened. Eeeeeek. As it moved, its hinges were shattering glass, emitting a shrill, squeaky sound. Dust tumbled from the door frame as delicately as a floating feather. My heart raced. The air was filled with grime, dancing in the shafts of light. What lay beyond the door had been a mystery for many years. I took a deep breath. I was an archaeologist, no, an adventurer, treading in the footsteps that had been undisturbed for so long. What would I find? My eyes were darts, searching for the target. What would I spot first? My lips became trembling leaves, my fists clenched like a bunch of bananas. Then I saw it...

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Well done!

Now can you complete your worksheet?