

Simile and Metaphor Student Worksheet

Simile examples:

She is *as* sweet as candy.
Bob runs *like* a deer.
The willow's music is *like* a soprano.
She slept *like* a log.
He is as thin *as* a rail.

Metaphor examples:

My dad is a bear.
The bar of soap was a slippery eel.
The light was the sun during our test.
He hogged the road.
She toyed with the idea.

Similes:

A friend is like _____. or Friendship is like _____.
A friend is as _____ as _____.
When I am tired, I am as _____.
When I am sad, I am like _____.
The dog was as fast as _____.

Metaphors:

A friend is _____.
Friendship is _____.
Feeling tired is _____.
He was a _____ through all their trouble.

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Similes and Metaphors

Can you tell the difference between a simile and a metaphor? An easy way to remember how to tell the difference is to think of the word “similar” when you think of similes. Similes use the word *like* or *as* to describe things because they are saying that the subject is *like* or *as* something. In other words, the subject is *similar* to something else. Metaphors say the subject *is* something else.

For example: Jill is like a diamond in the rough. (Simile)
Jill is a jewel. (Metaphor)

In the sentences below, write the word “simile” or “metaphor” after the sentence. Circle the word that lets you know if it is a simile or a metaphor.

That dot is as big as a horse!

Jenny is as quiet as a mouse.

That man is over the hill.

Steve turned as white as a ghost when his father caught him!

That car is a boat!

Her singing sounds like a cat dying.

His shoes are skis!

It's as hot as an oven in here.

My room is a hazardous zone!

She is as sharp as a tack.

See if you can create a simile and a metaphor of your own: