

Example

Similes and **metaphors** compare two unlike things. Similes use the words **like** or **as** in the comparison; metaphors do not.

In this sentence, a simile compares a banana to candy:

I ate a ripe banana that was **as sweet as candy**.

In this sentence, a metaphor also compares a banana to candy:

The banana was **a sweet candy to my tastebuds**.

Read each sentence. Match the simile or metaphor in bold with its meaning.

- 1 The stars were shining **like diamonds** in the sky.
- 2 Her blue dress was **a cool stream moving across the floor**.
- 3 Your bad mood is **a gray cloud ruining my day**.
- 4 From high in the building, I saw people that looked **like mice** on the ground.
- 5 The boys are **like puppies** running through the park.
- 6 We tried to get to school on time, but my sister moved **like a snail**.



- 7 When I was sick, my voice sounded **as rough as sandpaper**.
- 8 Dan's ideas for our soccer team were **a breath of fresh air**.
- 9 My sister came into my room **like a hurricane** looking for her homework.

10 The new snow was **a silk blanket covering the grass**.

11 After the race, Carla's legs felt **like noodles** as she tried to walk.

12 The engine's roar inside the plane thundered **like a storm**.



A	B	C	D	E	F
moving slowly	flowing gently	tiny	smooth and soft	sad and unpleasant	quick and messy
new and different	noisy	scratchy	bright and clear	weak	playful
G	H	I	J	K	L

Objective: Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors in the context of a sentence.

