



Similes and metaphors make descriptions more interesting for the reader.

They both describe things by comparing them with others.

Similes

Similes use as or like to compare two things.

Here are some examples...

Similes using 'as'		Similes using 'like'
as cold as ice	as bold as brass	<i>has eyes like a hawk</i>
as strong as an ox	as good as gold	<i>sleeps like a baby</i>
as snug as a bug in a rug	as slippery as an eel	<i>fits like a glove</i>
as fiery as a volcano	as blind as a bat	<i>worked like a charm</i>
as light as a feather	as smooth as silk	<i>slept like a log</i>
as crooked as a witch's hat	as old as the hills	<i>eats like a horse</i>
as busy as a bee	as tough as nails	<i>sings like a bird</i>
as bright as the moon	as clear as mud	<i>runs like the wind</i>
as sly as a fox	as wise as an owl	<i>has a memory like a sieve</i>

Could you use some of these in your writing?

Metaphors

Metaphors describe one thing as being something else.

Here are some examples...

Joseph is an angel.	Mel has a heart of gold.	Life is a rollercoaster.
His bedroom is a prison.	The clouds sailed across the sky.	The headteacher is a dragon.
Her ideas are food for thought.	The children were monkeys in the park.	I am drowning in work!
The snow is a frosted blanket.	The sound is music to his ears.	Sammy was a pig at mealtimes.
Her angry words were bullets in his heart.	The classroom was a refrigerator.	It was raining cats and dogs.
Jen felt blue.	I turned over a new leaf in January.	The motorway was a car park.
Her acting was wooden.	Josh lit up my life.	Time is money.



Try to make up your own similes and metaphors too!