

Similes and Metaphors

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Quick Review

A **simile** compares two DIFFERENT things using *like* or *as* (*busy as a bee*). A **metaphor** compares without those words — it says one thing IS another (*Time is money*). Be careful: a sentence with *like* or *as* is NOT a simile if it just compares two of the same kind (*She is as tall as my sister* = literal comparison).

PRACTICE

Choose the best answer. Watch for tricky distractors that use *like* or *as* literally.

- Which sentence is a SIMILE?
 - Her smile was a sunrise.
 - She is as old as my older brother.
 - Her smile was as bright as a sunrise.
 - Her smile lit up the whole room.
- Which sentence is a METAPHOR?
 - His voice was like thunder.
 - He thundered down the hallway.
 - His voice was thunder, rumbling through the gym.
 - He was as loud as my older sister.
- What does this metaphor mean?
Her voice was thunder.
 - soft and gentle, almost a whisper
 - quick and short, like a single clap
 - unclear and hard to make out
 - loud and powerful, rumbling through the room
- What does this simile mean?
The lake was as smooth as glass.
 - very still, with no waves or ripples
 - dangerous and full of broken pieces
 - clear enough to see straight through to the bottom
 - cold to the touch and shiny on top



5. Choose the SIMILE.
- A. The kitten is a tiny ball of fur.
 - B. The kitten's fur is softer than a cloud.
 - C. The kitten purrs like a tiny motor.
 - D. The kitten is as cute as my cousin's cat.
6. Choose the METAPHOR.
- A. The classroom was as loud as a zoo.
 - B. The classroom was a zoo at recess time.
 - C. The classroom buzzed with excitement.
 - D. The classroom was bigger than ours.
7. What does the metaphor mean?
My brother is a couch potato.
- A. He loves to garden and grow vegetables.
 - B. He spends most of his time sitting and watching TV.
 - C. He is round and quiet like a vegetable.
 - D. He cooks meals while sitting on the couch.
8. Which sentence uses a SIMILE to show SPEED?
- A. The runner was a rocket.
 - B. The runner zoomed past everyone on the track.
 - C. The runner was faster than her older sister.
 - D. The runner moved like the wind.
9. What does the simile mean?
The math test was as easy as pie.
- A. It was very simple and quick to do.
 - B. It was small and round.
 - C. It was sweet to look at.
 - D. It had layers, like a pie.
10. All four sentences are about the line moving SLOWLY. Which is the SIMILE?
- A. The line was slower than ours.
 - B. The line crawled toward the door.
 - C. The line moved like cold molasses.
 - D. The line was molasses today.



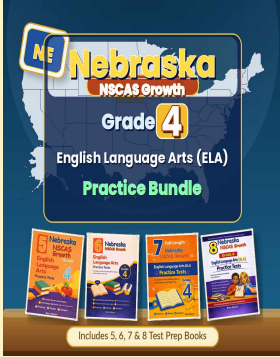
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Explanations	
1. C	C compares two different things (a smile and a sunrise) using <i>as bright as</i> . A drops the <i>like/as</i> and renames the smile a sunrise (that's a metaphor). B uses <i>as...as</i> but compares two ages — a literal comparison, not a simile. D gives the smile a human action (personification).
2. C	C says the voice IS thunder — no <i>like/as</i> . A uses <i>like</i> (simile). B turns thunder into a verb (vivid verb / personification). D uses <i>as...as</i> on two of the same kind (loudness vs. sister's loudness) — literal.
3. D	Thunder is the slow, deep, rumbling boom of a storm — D matches both <i>loud</i> and <i>powerful</i> . A is the opposite; B describes a sharp crack (more like a clap of thunder than rolling thunder); C is unrelated.
4. A	Glass's key trait here is its smooth, flat surface — A matches stillness. B latches onto <i>broken glass</i> (wrong trait); C is about clearness (a different glass trait); D names other glass traits but not smoothness.
5. C	C compares two different things (a kitten's purr and a motor) with <i>like</i> — a simile. A drops the <i>like/as</i> (metaphor). B uses <i>softer than</i> (a literal-style comparison, not a simile). D uses <i>as...as</i> but compares two cats — literal.
6. B	B says the classroom IS a zoo — no <i>like/as</i> — a metaphor. A is the simile version. C uses a vivid verb (personification of the room). D is a literal comparison of size.
7. B	Couch potato = someone who sits and watches TV instead of being active. A and D take the words literally (gardening, cooking); C reads <i>potato</i> as describing appearance.
8. D	D uses <i>like</i> to compare a runner to wind — a simile. A drops <i>like/as</i> (metaphor). B uses a vivid verb (no comparison). C uses <i>faster than</i> on two runners (literal comparison).
9. A	Easy as pie = very easy. B, C, and D all read the pie literally (size, taste, layers) and miss the figurative meaning.
10. C	C uses <i>like</i> to compare the line to molasses — simile. A uses <i>slower than</i> on two lines (literal). B uses a personifying verb (no <i>like/as</i>). D is the metaphor version (no <i>like/as</i>).



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