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SAMPLE ANSWERS **Reading & Understanding Similes**

A simile is a figure of speech that compares two unrelated things using the words *like* or *as*.

In order to understand a simile, you must think about how the two things are alike.

Directions: Circle the linking word in each simile. Then, underline the two things that are being compared. Complete the sentence frame that follows.

Example: Raquel is like a cheetah when she plays soccer.

Raquel and a cheetah are alike because they both run fast.



1. Life is like a road, full of twists and turns.

Life and a road are alike because they both are full of twists and turns.

2. This book is as exciting as the Fourth of July.

This book and the Fourth of July are alike because they both are exciting.

3. The ballerina was like a graceful swan when she danced on stage.

The ballerina and a swan are alike because they both are graceful.

4. My brother eats like a pig whenever we have pizza for dinner.

My brother and a pig are alike because they both eat a lot.

5. My mother's favorite vase is as delicate as a house of cards.

A vase and a house of cards are alike because they both are delicate.

Directions: Read the short story and underline a simile. Then, complete the sentences that follow.

Mariana nervously walked into her new school. There were unfamiliar faces all around. Suddenly, a loud bell rang. It sounded like thunder. Mariana jumped in surprise. All of the other kids hurried into nearby classroom doors. But Mariana wasn't sure where to go. Tears rolled down her cheeks like raindrops. Moments later, she felt a gentle tap on her shoulder. She turned and saw a girl smiling at her. "Hi, I'm Nicole!" the girl said. Nicole's smile was as bright as sunshine and Mariana suddenly felt better.

In this story, the author compares Nicole's smile and sunshine.

These two things are alike because they both are bright.