

Making Sense of Figurative Language

Figurative Language is a tool that authors use to help readers visualize what is happening in a story or poem.

A **simile** is a comparison of two unlike things, using the words like or as.

Example: *He ran as fast as a cheetah.*

This compares a boy and a cheetah. It is saying that they both run fast. However, a cheetah runs about 70 mph. That is not humanly possible for a boy to do!



Directions: Read the sentences below and determine the meaning of the underlined simile. Write your answer on the line.

1. Our new camping tent is as big as an elephant, and it has room for all of us.

2. The football player will work like a dog to prepare for the championship game.

3. Even though we really do love each other, my brother and I fight like cats and dogs.

4. The pilot is as brave as a lion as he steers the plane through a thunderstorm in the clouds.

5. My grandfather slept like a log after a day at the museum.

6. After a long day at school, I am as hungry as a bear when I get home.

7. The boy shook the soda bottle, and it exploded like a volcano all over the cafeteria.

8. The choir sings like angels as they perform on stage at the concert.

9. Cleaning was as easy as ABC when I put on some good music and opened the windows!
