Similes and Metaphors

A **simile** is a comparison that uses the word like or the word as.

Ex: She is as delicate as a flower.

A **metaphor** is a direct comparison that says one thing is another.

Ex: Words are bullets.

Directions: Take a look at the following lists of similes and metaphors. Read through them and think about how the comparisons help the reader visualize the description.

SIMILES
As blind as a bat
As bright as the sun
As busy as a bee
As clean as a whistle
As clear as mud
As cold as ice
As cool as a cucumber
As cute as a button
As delicate as a flower
As fit as a fiddle
As flat as a pancake
As happy as a clown
As light as a feather
As pretty as a picture
As proud as a peacock
As quick as lightning
As silly as a goose
As slow as a tortoise
As snug as a bug in a rug
As tall as a giraffe
As thin as a toothpick
As tough as nails
As welcome as a skunk at a lawn party
As white as a ghost
As wise as an owl
Slept like a log

SIMILES CONT.
Fits like a glove
Moves like a snail
Sits there like a bump on a log
Eats like a pig
Swims like a fish
Stood out like a sore thumb
Eyes like a hawk
Sings like a bird

METAPHORS
A heart of stone
Jumping for joy
Apple of my eye
It is raining cats and dogs
Love is a fragile flower
Words are bullets
Bridge to the past
Smile is a neon sign
Blanket of snow
He is a bulldozer
Eyes are a well
Time is money

YOUR TURN

Directions: Write your own similes or metaphors for the following topics. **Hint:** Start off by saying "He", "She" or "It is as …" and turn the noun into an adjective in order to create a simile. To create a metaphor, try saying whatever the topic is … something else. For example, "Stubbornness is …" and directly compare the topic to something else in a creative way. MAKE UP YOUR OWN. DO NOT USE ONES YOU'VE HEARD BEFORE.

Example: Quickness
She is as quick as a cheetah.

1. Brightness

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2. Steady

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3. Stubbornness

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4. Sadness

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5. Complexity

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6. Warmth

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7. Fun

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