

Similar To . . .

SIMILES

A **simile** is used to compare two things, often using the word *like* or *as*. Using similes can help you create a word picture for the reader.

1 Underline the phrases that are similes.

changeable as the weather
a brave lion
deceptive as a snake
cool cucumbers

deceptive snake
brave as a lion
a red, red rose
quick as lightning

silent as the grave
you stubborn mule
lovely as a rose
bright as day

Brainstorm a list of items that can be compared to the underlined word in each sentence. Then use one of them to create a simile. Rewrite each sentence using the new comparison.

2 She can run fast.
Things that are fast: cheetah, race car, sprinter
Sentence rewrite: _____

3 The breeze was light and airy.
Things that are light and airy: _____
Sentence rewrite: _____

4 The sky was dark.
Things that are dark: _____
Sentence rewrite: _____

5 The night was quiet.
Things that are quiet: _____
Sentence rewrite: _____

6 The blanket was soft.
Things that are soft: _____
Sentence rewrite: _____

7 The flower was delicate.
Things that are delicate: _____
Sentence rewrite: _____