

Serve up the Similes

(*simile: a comparison between two unlike things using the words “like” or “as”*)
example: The dog’s bark was like a doorbell for our house.

Part I Finding Similes in our lives: The Simile Hunt

Similes are used all the time in conversations, stories, books, shows, films, radio, poems, and elsewhere. Over the next week, your job is to find them. Whenever you hear or read a simile, write it down. Keep your ears open during family talk or in the school cafeteria or during commercials on TV. Keep a pencil and paper handy at all times. You might be at a restaurant, in line at Dunkin Donuts, shopping at the mall, when you hear someone say: *This place is busy as a one-armed paper hanger.*

You will discover similes in books and newspapers and magazines. Keep track of these similes in your journal. See how many you can find. Write them down as soon as you hear them. Don’t trust your memory.

Part II Creating Similes: The Simile Machine -- you

This is where you get to create your own similes. As you go about your life, notice all the different moments, actions, objects, that you observe in a day. There will be many opportunities to write your own similes. As you are bumping into each other in the lunch line, you might feel *like bumper cars at an amusement park.*

Write as many as you can in your journal. Have fun!