

Day #20, Activity #20

Saturday Similes

“A day without sunshine is like, you know, night.”

—Steve Martin, comedian

Writer Jonathan Raban likes to practice writing similes when he goes out to eat at a restaurant and always takes his notebook with him. While he may not be eating out too much these days, no doubt he’s still sharpening his simile skills as all good writers do. Now it’s your turn. Choose some of the exercises below to hone your descriptive and imaginative powers with the simile.

Write about it:

See how many similes you can write in a 24-hour period.

Or

Write a poem using only similes about a pet or person in your house.

Or

Write ten similes describing your home.

Or

Search out similes on the internet or in books and make a list of your top ten.

Or

Make a list of 25 things you could write similes about.

Simile Workouts:

Simile: A figure of speech that compares two different things to draw a similarity between them. It uses the words “as” “like” or “than.”

Try these exercises to stretch out and strengthen your simile muscles.
See how many similes you can create for each example.

The years pile up like...driftwood on the beach

What are things that pile up?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The days collect like...leaves in the fall

What types of things can one collect?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The moon lit the way for us like...a friendly smile in the night sky

What are things that give us light?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

She was as lonely as...

He was as fast as...

The park was as empty as...

The clouds were floating like...

The days felt as long as...