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Which Is It? Metaphor or Simile?



Below are sentences that contain a metaphor or a simile. In the blank provided, identify which is used in each sentence by writing *metaphor* or *simile*.

- 1) The sky was the color of the calm Pacific thousands of miles from land. _____
- 2) I am as hungry as a bear recently awakened from hibernation. _____
- 3) She was a kite, floating above the confusion around her. _____
- 4) Like a silent thief, the dog crept into the kitchen. _____
- 5) My thoughts fluttered from subject to subject like a butterfly visiting flowers in a field. _____
- 6) The dark, cold and silent room was a tomb. _____
- 7) My noisy sister was like a buzzing fly. _____
- 8) Soft and warm, the bed was an inviting oasis. _____
- 9) The child's tears were cold raindrops from a tiny cloud. _____
- 10) The sunshine was like a warm blanket on a cold and rainy night. _____

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Figurative language includes special forms that writers use to help readers make a strong connection to their words. A **simile** is one kind of figurative language. It makes a comparison of two unlike things using the words "like" or "as".

Similes can make your writing more interesting. Read the sentences below. Replace the simple adjective in each sentence with a simile to make a stronger impression.



1. The man was sad.

_____ The man was as sad as a little boy who had just dropped his ice cream cone. _____

2. Veronica was sleepy.

3. The homework was difficult.

4. Our kitchen was messy.

5. Raul's burrito was spicy.

6. Eva's Internet connection was fast.

7. The baby giraffe's neck was long.

8. The movie was exciting!

9. The umbrella is wet.

10. Jeremy and Mike are brave.
