

Similes

| Simile | Meaning |
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| 1. as alike as two peas in a pod | identical or nearly so |
| 2. as bald as a coot | completely bald |
| 3. as big as a bus | very big |
| 4. as big as an elephant | very big |
| 5. as black as a sweep | wholly black |
| 6. as black as coal | utterly black |
| 7. as black as pitch | entirely black |
| 8. as blind as a bat | totally blind |
| 9. as blind as a mole | totally blind |
| 10. as bold as brass | very disrespectful |
| 11. as brave as a lion | very courageous |
| 12. as bright as a button | (of a person) intelligent and lively |
| 13. as bright as a new pin | (of a place) bright, clean and shiny |
| 14. as busy as a beaver | very occupied |
| 15. as busy as a bee | very active |
| 16. as busy as a cat on a hot tin roof | very busy |
| 17. as calm as a millpond | (of water) very calm and still |
| 18. as clear as a bell | distinct and unmistakable |

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| 19. as clean as a whistle | very clean |
| 20. as clear as crystal | very clear |
| 21. as clear as mud | confusing and not clear |
| 22. as cold as ice | very cold |
| 23. as common as dirt | very common, is found everywhere |
| 24. as cool as a cucumber | (of a person) calm |
| 25. as cunning as a fox | sly |
| 26. as dead as a doornail | dead |
| 27. as dead as the dodo | extinct |
| 28. as deaf as a post | completely deaf |
| 29. as different as chalk from cheese | very different |
| 30. as drunk as a lord | extremely drunk |
| 31. as dry as a bone | very dry |
| 32. as dry as dust | very dry |
| 33. as dull as dishwater | dull, boring |
| 34. as easy as ABC | very easy |
| 35. as easy as apple pie | very easy |
| 36. as flat as a pancake | very flat |
| 37. as free as a bird | very free to go anywhere |
| 38. as fresh as a daisy | very fresh |
| 39. as gentle as a lamb | very gentle |

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| 40. as good as gold | (of a person) having admirable quality |
| 41. as happy as a lark | very happy |
| 42. as hard as nails | unsympathetic |
| 43. as hot as hell | very hot |
| 44. as hungry as a bear | very hungry |
| 45. as hungry as a wolf | very hungry |
| 46. as innocent as a lamb | innocent, not worldly-wise |
| 47. as large as life | conspicuously present |
| 48. as light as a feather | very light |
| 49. as light as air | very light |
| 50. as mad as a hatter | extremely silly |
| 51. as mad as a hornet | very angry |
| 52. as nutty as a fruitcake | very silly |
| 53. as obstinate as a mule | very obstinate, stubborn |
| 54. as old as the hills | very, very old |
| 55. as pale as death | very pale or white in the face |
| 56. as plain as day | very clear |
| 57. as poor as a church mouse | very poor |
| 58. as poor as dirt | poverty-stricken |
| 59. as proud as a peacock | very proud |

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| 60. as pure as snow | innocent, chaste |
| 61. as pure as the driven snow | innocent, chaste |
| 62. as quick as a wink | very quick(ly) |
| 63. as quick as lightning | very quick(ly) |
| 64. as quick as silver | very quick |
| 65. as quiet as a church mouse | very quiet |
| 66. as safe as houses | very safe, secure |
| 67. as scarce as hen's teeth | very rare |
| 68. as sharp as a razor | very sharp |
| 69. as sick as a dog | very sick |
| 70. as sick as a parrot | very sick |
| 71. as silent as the dead | absolutely silent |
| 72. as silent as the grave | extremely silent |
| 73. as slippery as an eel | slippery, evasive, not to be trusted |
| 74. as slow as a snail | very slow |
| 75. as slow as a tortoise | very slow |
| 76. as smooth as silk | very smooth |
| 77. as snug as a bug in a rug | in a very comfortable position |
| 78. as sober as a judge | unruffled |
| 79. as solid as a rock | sturdy |
| 80. as solid as the ground we stand on | stable |

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| 81. as sound as a bell | in very good condition |
| 82. as sour as vinegar | very sour |
| 83. as steady as a rock | very steady |
| 84. as stiff as a board | inflexible |
| 85. as straight as an arrow | very straight |
| 86. as strong as an ox | very strong |
| 87. as stubborn as a mule | very stubborn, obstinate |
| 88. as sturdy as an oak | very strong and solid |
| 89. as sure as death and taxes | inevitable |
| 90. as tall as a giraffe | very tall |
| 91. as thin as a rake | very thin |
| 92. as timid as a rabbit | very timid |
| 93. as tough as leather | very tough |
| 94. as tough as nails | very tough |
| 95. as tough as old boots | very tough |
| 96. as welcome as a skunk at a lawn party | not welcomed at all |
| 97. as white as a ghost | look very pale or turn white in the face |
| 98. as white as a sheet | extremely pale |
| 99. as white as snow | (of colour) pure white |
| 100. as wise as an owl | very sensible |