

# 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                            |