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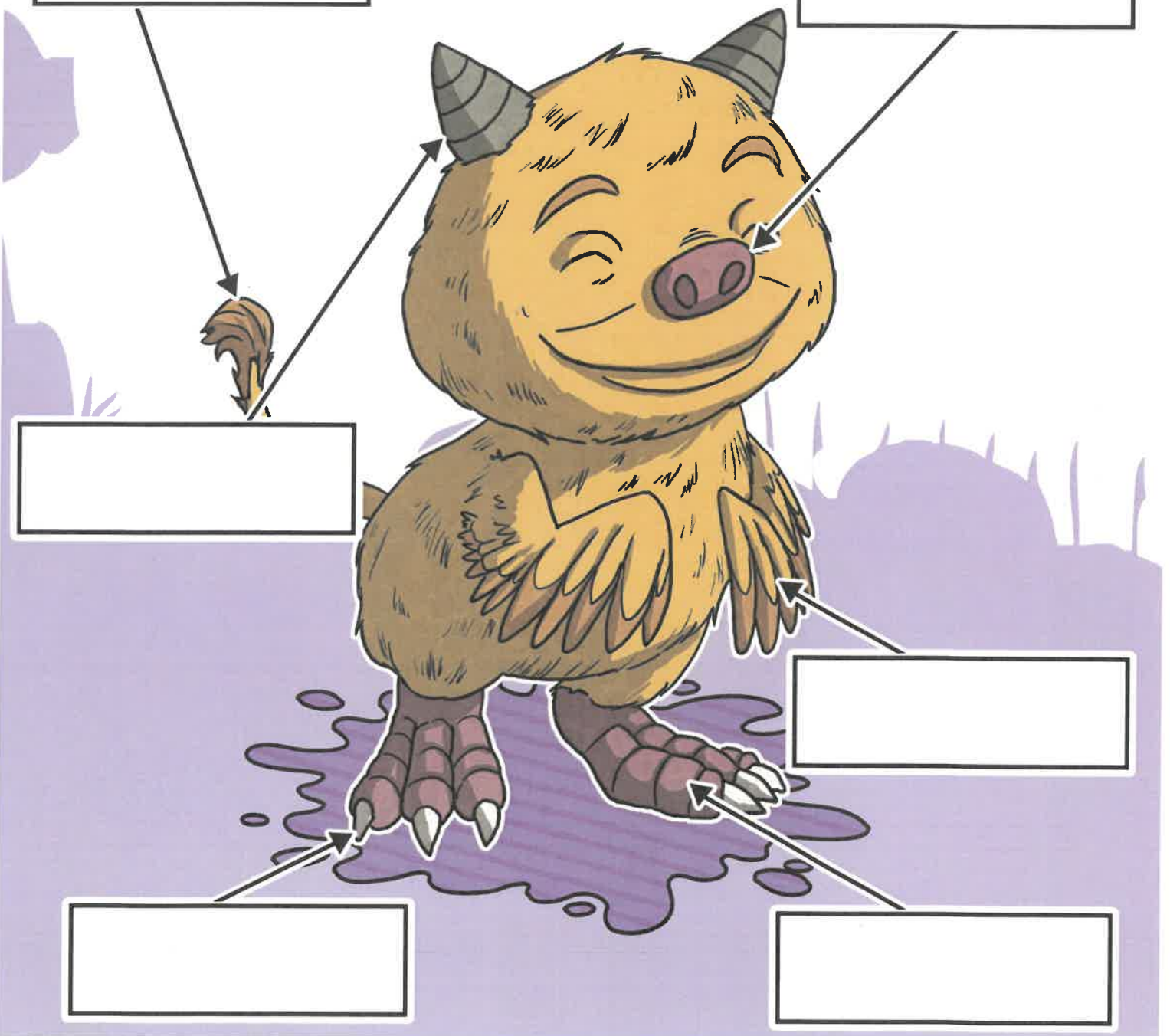
Fingers - as thick as
freshly cooked sausages.



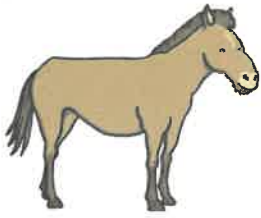
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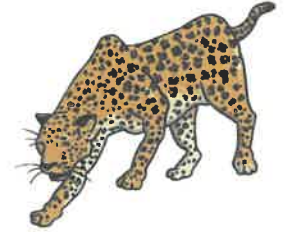
Tail - long like a snake
in the tropical jungle.



I am as...



Quick as _____



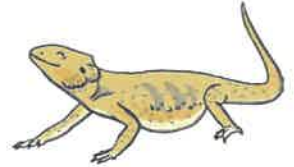
Slow as _____



Small as _____

Large as _____

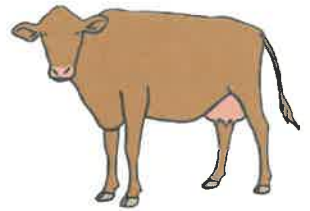
Sad as _____



Happy as _____

Nice as _____

Mean as _____

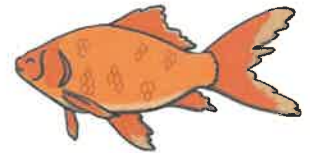


Cold as _____

Hot as _____

Weak as _____

Strong as _____



Loud as _____

Quiet as _____

Tough as _____

Gentle as _____



Brave as _____

Shy as _____

Tame as _____

Wild as _____

Lazy as _____

Busy as _____



Put it all together, and you've got me!

Similes and Metaphors

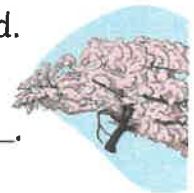
milky way

Identify whether the sentences below contain a simile or a metaphor by ticking the boxes in the correct column.

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The giant was as tall as a mountain.	☐	☐
Sam woke up to the ground outside covered in a soft, white blanket.	☐	☐
The bass drum in her chest was getting louder and louder.	☐	☐
Like a mouse, the boy crept down the corridor. 	☐	☐
With a sound as loud as a foghorn, the elephant came charging out of the trees. 	☐	☐
The diamond-encrusted spider webs glistened in the early morning sun.	☐	☐

Now, have a go at completing the sentences by selecting an appropriate simile or metaphor from the box and writing it on the lines provided.

- The cat hissed _____.
- _____ zig-zagged across the sky during the storm.
- _____ the bubbling cauldron.
- The bed felt _____ when she finally lay down.
- Outside, _____ fell from the sky and pummelled the ground.
- The cherry blossoms bloomed _____.



Fiery tongues licked	like candy floss on sticks.	Silver slashes
like fluffy clouds	sheets of grey	as angrily as a snake.

Inventing New Similes

Flying
Saucers

Have a look at these similes and think up some of your own.

1. The girl's actions were as quick as a galloping horse on a deserted beach.

New version: The girl's actions were as quick as...

2. The dancer's movements were as elegant as a swan gliding over the water.

New version: The dancer's movements were as elegant as...

3. The monster's movements were like a tiger stalking its prey.

New version: The monster's movements were like...

4. The storm raged like an angry bull willing to be set free.

New version: The storm raged like a...

5. The blanket was as soft as the gentle wind on a summer's day.

New version: The blanket was as soft as...

6. The rainbow was as colourful as a festival parade.

New version: The rainbow was as colourful as...

7. The village was as quiet as a sleeping pride of well-fed lions.

New version: The village was as quiet as...

8. The snow was as crunchy as biting into a ripe, green apple.

New version: The snow was as crunchy as...

Focus on: Simile Activities

Simile is a language technique that writers use to compare two different things using the words 'like' or 'as'. This results in clearer, interesting and more enjoyable descriptions that help readers to picture ideas vividly.

Today you will learn how to identify similes in a text as well as write your own examples.

What Is Simile?

Simile is when two different things are compared in a sentence or phrase using 'like' or 'as'. Simile is all about creating a clear and vivid image – not a direct statement. For example, 'as busy as a bee' compares a person's activity to a bee's constant movement, even though they are very different. On the other hand, saying someone 'is a bee' would be a metaphor, not a simile.

Examples:

- As brave as a lion.
- He cowered like a cornered animal.
- As cold as ice.
- They were like sneaky thieves in the night.
- As light as a feather.
- The sun shone like a diamond in the sky.



Who Uses Simile?

Simile is used by:

- Poets and songwriters
- Authors of children's books and picture books
- Advertisers and companies creating slogans or brand names
- Journalists writing catchy headlines
- Public speakers and politicians giving speeches
- Anyone writing stories or descriptions!

What Is Its Purpose?

Simile often makes writing more exciting, imaginative and fun to read. It can create clear pictures, emphasise ideas, set a mood or grab the reader's (or listener's) attention.

Let's take a closer look at how a simile works. To do this, you will read three examples of simile, followed by a brief explanation of the purpose and effect of the technique.