

Write down the following language features from the poems you have read.

RECALL

Four verbs

Three nouns

Two examples of using the sense taste.

Four adjectives

LO: TO USE SIMILES EFFECTIVELY.

Some will even write similes describing objects from their house.

Some will find similes in different poems.

Most will complete similes.

All will find sentences with similes.

GUIDED PRACTICE

Today you will learn what similes are.

SIMILES: We use similes to describe something by comparing it with something else. Similes use "like" or "as" to compare two things.

My shirt is as white as snow.

My brother runs like a cheetah.

When you use similes, you want your read to imagine the two things you are comparing and have an idea of their colour, texture, speed etc. When you say that your brother runs like a cheetah, it doesn't mean he runs exactly like cheetah. Your brother is simply a very fast runner and you want the reader to know that he is really fast by comparing it to a cheetah.

ALL THE POEMS.

Read the following poem and answer the questions.

The Red Boat

There goes the Sun,
 slowly sailing by,
 like a red boat
 on the ocean of the sky.

There goes the Sun,
 all day through,
 a red boat sailing,
 across its sea of blue.

All your secrets

I am your phone
I'm your best friend
When I summon you with a jolly tune
You jump to answer
I listen in to all your conversations
And hear all your secrets
I am the fount of all knowledge
Ask me the day, date and time, what the weather is like in Outer
Mongolia and how many stones are on Brighton beach
And I will tell you
I show you yourself
I am indispensable
But beware!
One day I may slip from your back pocket
And reveal all your secrets to the world.

Sweet

Although you are smooth and creamy,
although you are sugary sweet,
although you are wrapped like a present,
although you are delicious to eat,
you're down in the dark of my pocket
as if you're a nugget of treasure.
I'm saving you up for a magical moment,
so as to double the pleasure.

Front door

Wherever I have lived,
walking out of the front door
every morning
means crossing over
to a foreign country.
One language inside the house,
another out.
The food and clothes
and customs change.
The fingers on my hand turn
into forks.
I call it adaptation
when my tongue switches
from one grammar to another,
but the truth is I'm addicted now,
high on the rush
of daily displacement,
speeding to a different time zone,
heading into altered weather,
landing as another person.
Don't think I haven't noticed
you're on the same trip too.

Bear

Tucked underneath my arm,
A pillow of caramel calm
With white peaceful paws
Soft and squidgy
Like melting marshmallow
As I drift dreamily into sleep.
Soothing silky satin bow. Bright
around his neck
Reassuringly frayed at the ends
Comforting cotton between my
finger and thumb
A cuddle of warmth.
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INTELLIGENT PRACTICE



Look at each sentence and underline the sentences with similes.

1. The moon glowed like a torch.
2. The car was very old.
3. I didn't like the cake you baked yesterday. It was as hard as a rock.
4. She didn't like my new hoodie. She said it was too small.
5. Raindrops dripped down the window pane like tears.
6. My car is quite old but I really like it.
7. Smoke floated on the air like a dancer.
8. The air smells as fresh as the forest.
9. As I opened the door, I saw my sister sitting on her bed.
10. The surface of the water is as smooth as mirror.

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Complete the following similes.

1. The fog covered the city like
2. The clouds are as fluffy as
3. The girl sings as sweetly as
4. The traffic moved as slowly as
5. The children scuttled across the beach like
6. The sea sand lay across the path like
7. Clumps of snow stuck to the branches like
8. Her angry words spewed out like
9. The wind rushed through the house like
10. The boy is as fit as
11. The child ate like
12. His stomach rumbled like
13. The soft breeze on her face was as gentle as
14. Snow topped the mountain like
15. My car is as slow as

INTELLIGENT PRACTICE

Write down similes from each poem.



Title of a poem	Similes from each poem.
Red Boat	
All your secrets.	
Sweet	
Front door	
Bear	

DIVE DEEPER.

Look around your house at different objects and write similes describing five of them.
There has to be one simile for each object.