

Similes and Adjectives

A lesson teaching PowerPoint



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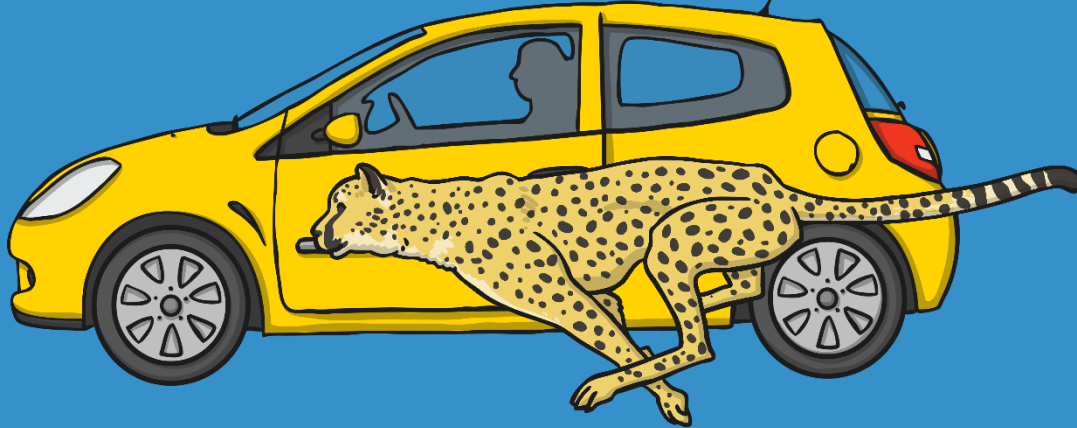
1. Can you think of any adjectives to describe the pictures?
2. Can you think of any similes for the pictures?



Simile Reminder

A simile is a way of describing something by comparing it to something else using 'like' or 'as'.

- Her eyes are **like** stars and her lips are **like** roses.
- The car was as fast **as** a cheetah



Now you try...

Finish the similes:

The night was as black as

The fireworks were colourful like ...

The book was as exciting as...

Greece was hot like ...

The doll's face was as smooth as ...



Why?

Why do we use similes and adjectives?

When you are describing something, you are trying to create a picture in the reader's mind. Similes can help you to do this.

They are most often used in **STORIES** and **POEMS**.

See How It Works

- The dog was big and fierce.
- Now if we add adjectives and similes...
- The black, scruffy dog was as big as a wolf and fierce like a very angry bear.
- Isn't that better?
- The house was beautiful.
- The ancient house was beautiful like an old fashioned painting.

Improve These Sentences

Where you see * put in an adjective

Where you see ... put in a simile

1. The * lady had a voice like a ...
2. The cat was * and * and ran like a ...
3. The * prince asked the * princess to marry him. She was as happy as a ...

Sunflowers

On the next few slides you'll see some pictures of real sunflowers. It's your job to write at least three adjectives and at least three similes about the sunflowers. Remember to try to think of words that are exciting and unusual. Use a thesaurus to help.

Words to avoid: yellow, green, tall, pretty, nice, bright, good.



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Which of these words is an adjective?



incorrect

A) Jumping.

B) Palace.

C) Amazing.

D) Happily.

Plenary

 correct

Why do we use similes?

 incorrect

A) To make our writing sound good.

B) To create a picture for the reader.

C) Because we get better marks for it.

D) Because our teacher wants to make our life difficult.

Plenary

 correct

Which of these is a simile?

 incorrect

A) The sky was as blue as the sea

B) The moon was a pale, silver coin in the sky.

C) The angry waves climbed the sea wall.

D) The howling, wolf-like baby was driving me mad.

Plenary

Pick the best adjective to describe the teeth in the picture. Give reasons.

 correct

 incorrect



A) Nasty

B) Razor-sharp

C) Pointy

D) Awful

