

Describing People with Metaphors and Similes

A **simile** compares two different things using the words *like* or *as*. A **metaphor** compares two different things without using *like* or *as*, usually by saying that one thing is another, or that one thing has the qualities of another.

EXAMPLE: Her hair was as shiny as gold. (simile)
Her hair was a golden sheath shimmering down her back. (metaphor)

Directions: Read each sentence below. Does it contain a **simile (S)** or a **metaphor? (M)** Write the correct answer on the line.

...and his mustache was nothing more than a fuzzy caterpillar on his lip!



1. His legs were as skinny as toothpicks. _____
2. Fiona trudged like the soles of her shoes were stuck to the floor. _____
3. Mr. Donovan is a great, big barrel of a man. _____
4. Miss Kitty's fingers scampered up and down the keyboard. _____
5. Elaine's eyes sparkled like diamonds in the sun. _____
6. Mr. Cooper's voice affected me like fingernails on a chalkboard. _____
7. She kept scratching her head like a dog with fleas. _____
8. When she told a story it was like she was casting a spell. _____
9. She's a maestro in the kitchen. _____
10. The toddler was a ray of sunshine in the room. _____
11. The kids came through the house like a herd of buffalo. _____
12. Mrs. Sullivan's students were as quiet as mice. _____
13. The kids were a troupe of monkeys on the playground. _____