**Year 8 Simile handout**

*An adjective is a ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ word.*

*Examples:*

1.

2.

3.

Challenge: add an adjective to the following sentence to make it even more descriptive.

*She walked down the street.*

**Picture 1**

Which simile is best suited for the mood in this picture? 1 or 2. Circle your answer

**Challenge:**

**Picture 2**

Which simile is best suited for the mood in this picture? 1 or 2. Circle your answer

**Challenge:**

Which similes make sense? Tick the ones that work.

* The lion was as fierce as a mouse.
* Snow topped the mountain like icing sugar.
* The sun glowed like a glow-stick.
* The mountain was as large as a fly.
* The silk was as soft as sandpaper.
* Like candy floss the fluffy clouds floated peacefully in the sky.
* The setting sun was like a matchstick

Challenge: explain why they work.

**Using suitable similes –Finish the following similes.**

*The moon glowed like…*

*Raindrops dropped down the window pane like…*

*The rose petals are as delicate as…*

*The icicles pointed downwards like…*

**Challenge: include adjectives in your description to extend the simile. *For example her cheeks are red like a delicate rose.***

**Complete these similes but try to avoid the obvious clichés!**

*As hot as…*

*As tough as…*

*As pale as…*

*Soft like…*

Challenge: add some adjectives to these similes to make them even more descriptive.

**Extending our description. Improve the simile: *The stars were like spotlights.***

1. Add in an adjective to describe the stars.
2. Add in an adjective to describe the spotlights.

**Challenge: where could you include more verbs or adjectives in your simile to improve your description?**

*The mountains stood tall like…*



*The stars were gathered together as if…*

*Like a guiding light…*

**Challenge: add an adjective or two to your writing so that it makes the similes more descriptive.**

Rather than saying: *‘The snow was like a blanket.’*

You could say: *‘The fluffy snow was like a soft blanket.’*

You are going to write a description on the image to the left. But first, you will need to come up with some similes in the table.

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| **Object​** | **What does it look like?​** | **What could I compare it to?​** | **Simile​** |
| The floating object | Concrete, a spaceship | Hoverfly? | Floated in the air like a hoverfly.​ |
| The trees |  |  |  |
| The street lamps |  |  |  |
| **Challenge: What is further on down the street?** |  |  |  |

**Challenge: pick one of the objects you can see in the image and write a few sentences about it, using personification. *Remember: this is when we give something that is not human, human qualities.***

Main Task: Write a description of the image, using your simile grid to help you.

*The humming noise had disturbed Matthew, and he’d shot bolt upright in bed. After taking a deep breath, he raced his way downstairs to see what was going on in the street…*

**Things to include:**

* Similes
* Interesting verbs
* A tone that suits the atmosphere of the picture.

**Challenge: include an example of a metaphor in your work.**

**Champion challenge: include an example of personification in your work.**

You can use the sentence starter above to help you, if you need it.

Self-Assessment

Have you included:

* Similes
* Interesting verbs
* A tone that suits the atmosphere of the picture.
* **Challenge: a metaphor.**
* **Champion Challenge: an example of personification**

What went well with your work?

How could you improve your work?

What do you need to include?

**Extension Task:**

Write a description of the image on the right.

**Things to include:**

Similes

Interesting verbs

A tone that suits the atmosphere of the picture.

Challenge: include an example of a metaphor in your work.

Champion challenge: include an example of personification in your work.