



1st semester



Topic 35:

Metaphors and similes

SIMILES

Simile is a figure of speech and can often be exaggerations because this is a way to capture the listener's attention. The simile asks us to picture one thing as being similar to another - often using the word '**like**' or the word '**as**' . . . to link our pictures' in the mind.

When we describe something, we often use the expression, "***It was like***" so that we can tell our experience clearly to our listener who may never have seen or heard what we are describing. We want our listener to understand fully what we have seen, heard or felt.

If a friend had been to a dentist and we asked **"What was it like?"**

We might get a reply, like My mouth feels like a beaten-up punching bag.

This is an example of a SIMILE, in this way we are making the description more colourful, dramatic and interesting.

Examples of Simile:

She swims like a fish.



Examples of Simile:

He's as hairy as a gorilla.



Examples of Simile:

Because I was embarrassed my face was as *red as a ripe tomato*.



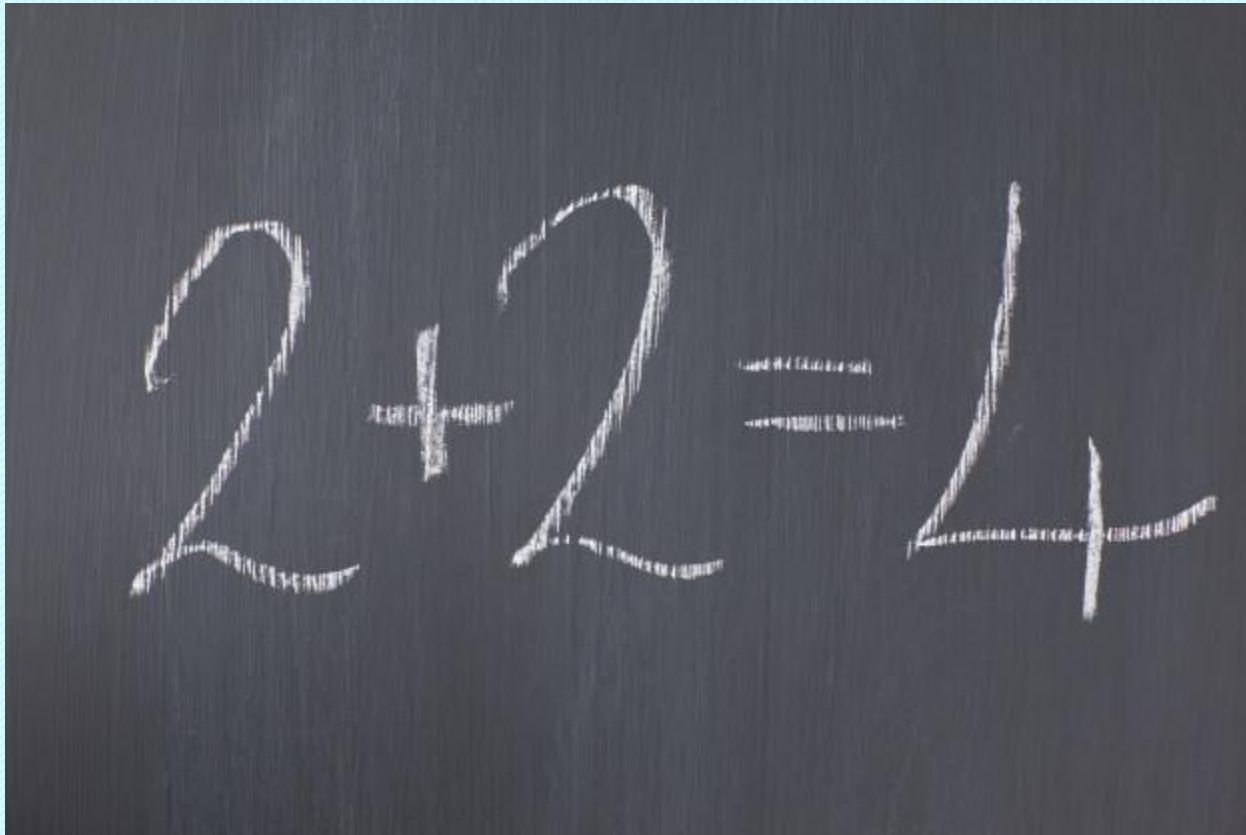
Examples of Simile:

She got a *neck like a pipe*.



Examples of Simile:

Allow me, it's as *easy as ABC*.



Metaphors

If we write a comparison between two things and omit the word "**like**" then we are using a **Metaphor**.

Examples of Metaphor:

- He was a tornado, blasting his way through the opposing team.
- He was a lion in the fight.
- Education is your passport to satisfying employment.
- The truck flew down the empty highway.
- My love is a red, red rose.
- The rain came down in long knitting needles.
- Language is a road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going.

Examples of Metaphor:

The clouds are balls of cotton.



Examples of Metaphor:

The lion is the ruler of the jungle



Examples of Metaphor:

The flowers are rainbow



Examples of Metaphor:

She was a snail in the race



Examples of Metaphor:

You are my guardian angel

