LIST OF SIMILES IN ENGLISH

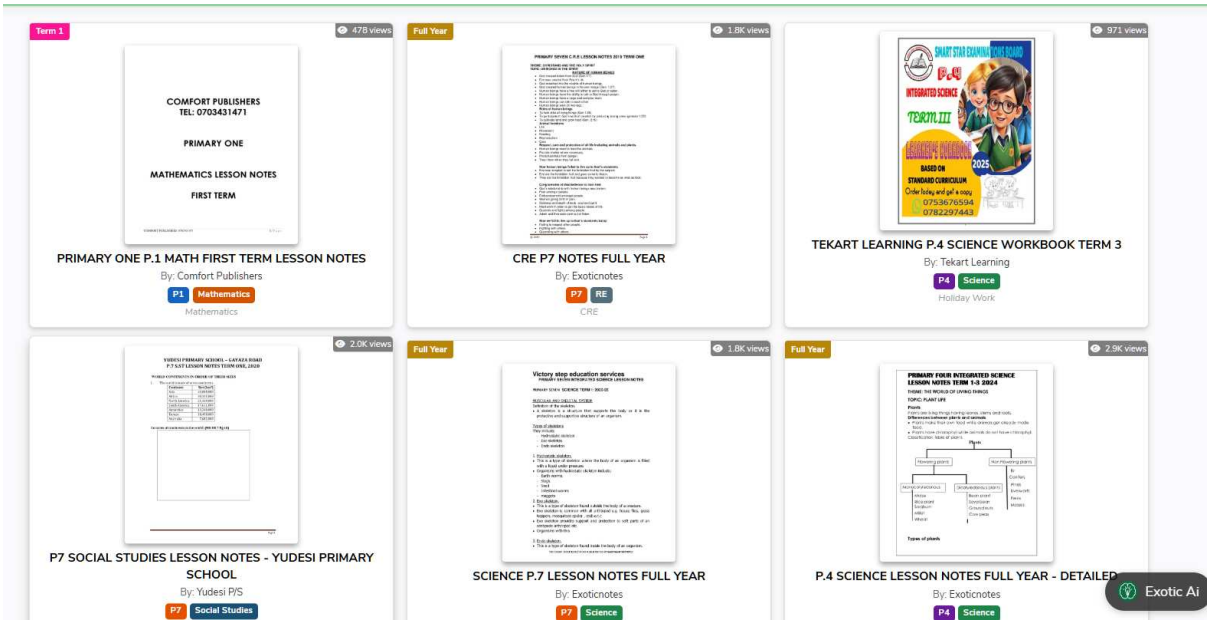
This is a list of well-known **as...as similes**. There are more similes, of course, some common and others less common because anyone can make a simile at any time--you too!

simile	meaning	comment
as alike as two peas in a pod	identical or nearly so	
as bald as a coot	completely bald	
as big as a bus	very big	
as big as an elephant	very big	
as black as a sweep	completely black	sweep = chimney sweep
as black as coal	completely black	
as black as pitch	completely black	
as blind as a bat	completely blind	may be exaggeration
as blind as a mole	completely blind	may be exaggeration
as bold as brass	very bold	usually in a negative sense
as brave as a lion	very brave	
as bright as a button	very bright	
as bright as a new pin	very bright and shiny	
as busy as a beaver	very busy	
as busy as a bee	very busy	
as busy as a cat on a hot tin roof	very busy	
as calm as a millpond	very calm and still	usually said of water
as clear as a bell	very clear	of a sound
as clean as a whistle	very clean	
as clear as crystal	very clear	
as clear as mud	not at all clear	irony or sarcasm
as cold as ice	very cold	
as common as dirt	very common, rude, vulgar	usually said of a person
as cool as a cucumber	cool	
as cunning as a fox	cunning	
as dead as a doornail	dead	
as dead as the dodo	dead, extinct	the dodo is an extinct bird
as deaf as a post	completely deaf	may be exaggeration
as different as chalk from cheese	very different	
as drunk as a lord	completely drunk	
as dry as a bone	very dry	
as dry as dust	very dry	

simile	meaning	comment
as dull as dishwater	dull, boring	usually said of a person
as easy as A.B.C.	very easy	
as easy as apple-pie	very easy	
as flat as a pancake	completely flat	
as free as a bird	very free to go anywhere	
as fresh as a daisy	very fresh	
as gentle as a lamb	very gentle	usually said of a person
as good as gold	very good and obedient	usually said of a person
as happy as a lark	very happy	usually said of a person
as hard as nails	very tough in character	of a person
as hot as hell	very hot	
as hungry as a bear	very hungry	
as hungry as a wolf	very hungry	
as innocent as a lamb	innocent, not worldly-wise	usually said of a person
as large as life	conspicuously present	
as light as a feather	very light	
as light as air	very light	
as mad as a hatter	completely crazy	
as mad as a hornet	very angry	
as nutty as a fruitcake	completely crazy	
as obstinate as a mule	very obstinate, stubborn	
as old as the hills	very, very old	
as pale as death	very pale or white in the face	of a person
as plain as day	very clear	
as poor as a church mouse	poverty-stricken	
as poor as dirt	poverty-stricken	
as proud as a peacock	very proud	
as pure as snow	pure and innocent	
as pure as the driven snow	pure and innocent	
as quick as a wink	very quick(ly)	
as quick as lightning	very quick(ly)	
as quick as silver	very quick	
as quiet as a church mouse	very quiet	
as safe as houses	very safe, secure	
as scarce as hen's teeth	very, very scarce	irony (hens have no teeth)
as sharp as a razor	very sharp	
as sick as a dog	very sick	

as sick as a parrot	very sick	
as silent as the dead	completely silent	
as silent as the grave	completely silent	
as slippery as an eel	slippery, evasive	of a person
as slow as a snail	very slow	
as slow as a tortoise	very slow	
as smooth as silk	very smooth	
as snug as a bug in a rug	in a very comfortable position	humorous
as sober as a judge	sober	
as solid as a rock	solid	
as solid as the ground we stand on	solid	
as sound as a bell	very clear	of a sound
as sour as vinegar	very sour	
as steady as a rock	very steady	
as stiff as a board	completely stiff	
as straight as an arrow	straight	an arrow flies straight
as strong as an ox	very strong	
as stubborn as a mule	very stubborn, obstinate	
as sturdy as an oak	very strong and solid	
as sure as death and taxes	absolutely certain to happen	
as tall as a giraffe	very tall	
as thin as a rake	very thin	
as timid as a rabbit	very timid	
as tough as leather	very tough	
as tough as nails	very tough	often said of a person
as tough as old boots	very tough	often said of a person
as welcome as a skunk at a lawn party	not welcome at all	irony or sarcasm (skunks stink)
as white as a ghost	very pale or white in the face	of a person
as white as a sheet	pure white	
as white as snow	pure white	
as wise as Solomon	very wise	King Solomon
as wise as an owl	very wise	

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