

Understanding Similes and Metaphors

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Learning Objectives

- Define similes and metaphors.
- Identify the differences between them.
- Create your own examples.



What is a Simile?

A simile compares two unlike things using the words 'like' or 'as'



Similes

- A simile compares two things, using as or like.
- As wise as an owl





1. Her smile is like sunshine.

2. He is as brave as a lion

3. The baby slept like a log.



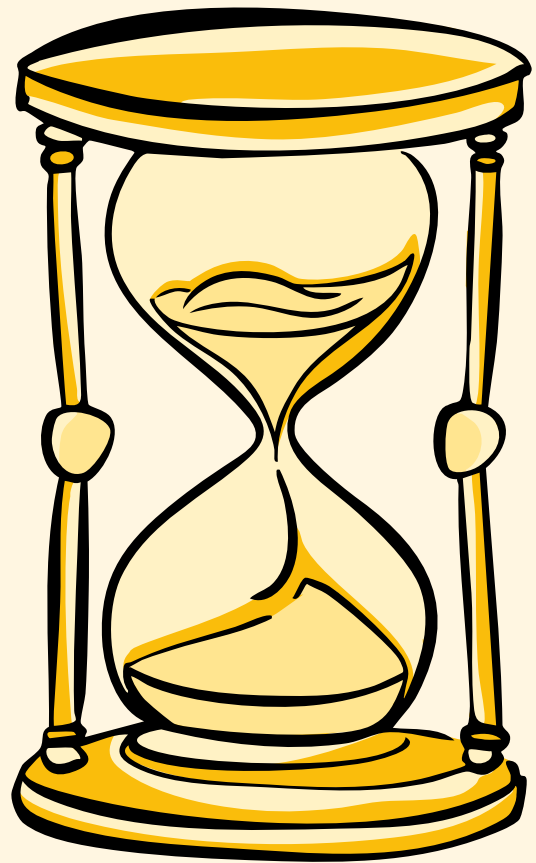
Notice something? All these examples use 'like' or 'as'. That's the easiest way to identify a simile.



What is a Metaphor?

A metaphor also compares two things, but it does not use 'like' or 'as'. Instead, it directly says one thing is another.





1. Time is a thief.
2. She is a shining star.
3. The classroom was a zoo.

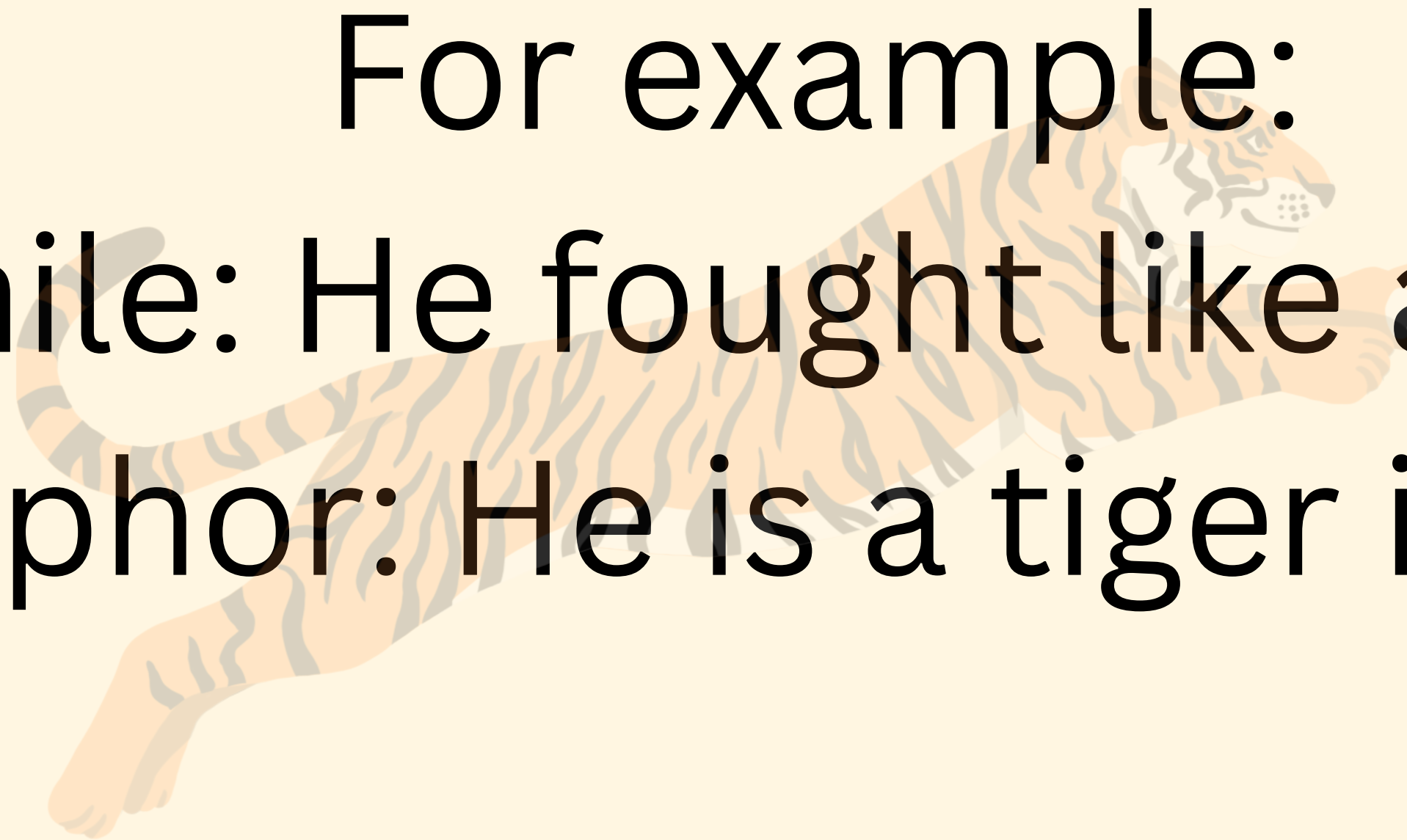
Simile vs Metaphor

Simile	Metaphor
Uses 'like' or 'as'	Doesn't use 'like' or 'as'
Indirect comparison	Direct comparison

For example:

Simile: He fought like a tiger.

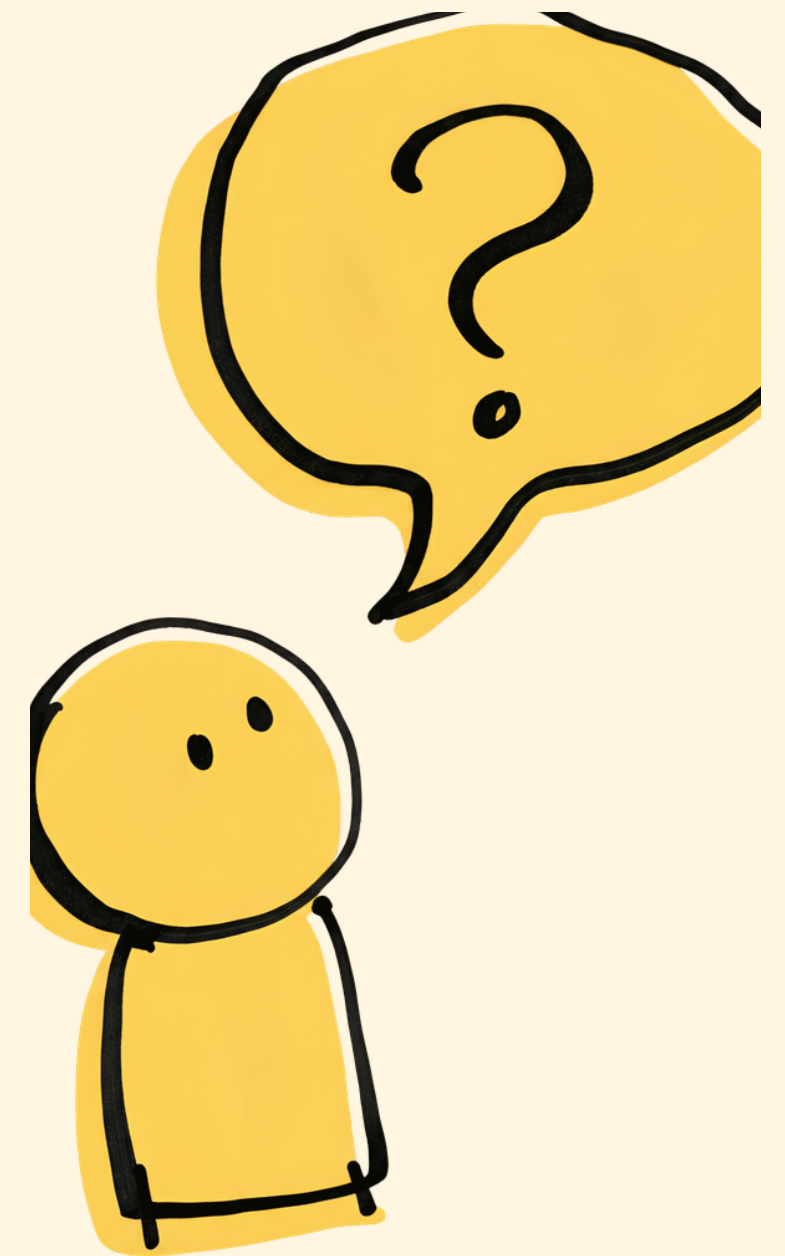
Metaphor: He is a tiger in battle



Quick Quiz

1. The stars were diamonds in the sky.
2. She ran like the wind.

Answer :The first one is a metaphor and the second one is a simile.



Thank you for watching!

