

Poetic Devices:

Metaphors and Similes

Her eyes are
like...

He is as old
as ...

She is a
bright ...



Poets use metaphors and similes to create an image in a reader's mind by comparing two concepts.

Similes

Similes compare concepts using the words 'like' or 'as'.

Example:

The lesson was as long as a wet week

Her smile is like a summer breeze

Metaphors

Metaphors compare concepts without using the words 'like' or 'as'. The poet may say something *is* the object they are comparing to.

Example:

She is a little ray of sunshine

Can you complete this simile?



as thin as a ????

Similes compare two things.
Can you finish these common similes?

as busy as a _____

as quick as a _____

as smooth as _____

as clear as a _____

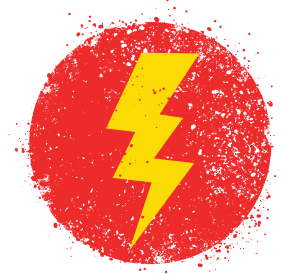
as tough as _____

as stubborn as a _____

as fresh as a _____

as quiet as a _____

as pretty as a _____



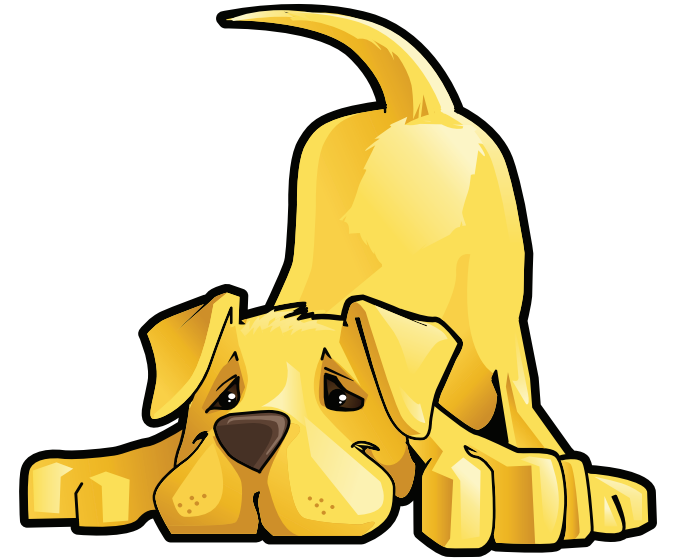
Can you describe these objects using your own similes and metaphors?



the sea



fire



puppies