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## **Simile Definition**

A simile is a figure of speech in which two essentially dissimilar objects or concepts are expressly compared with one another through the use of “like” or “as.” Simile is used as a literary device to assert similarity with the help of like or as, which are language constructs that establish equivalency. A proper simile creates an explicit comparison between two things that are different enough from each other such that their comparability appears unlikely.

For example, the statement “this poem is like a punch in the gut” features a simile. The poem is being explicitly compared to a “punch in the gut” with the word “like.” This is an effective simile in that a poem is not at all similar to a punch in literal terms. However, figuratively, the simile’s comparison and association between these two things establishes that the impact of the poem on the speaker has the force of and feels similar to a punch in the gut.

## **Common Examples of Simile**

There are many common examples of simile used in everyday conversation and writing. Here are some well-known phrases that utilize this figure of speech:

* Nutty as a fruitcake
* Slept like a log
* Sly as a fox
* Fits like a glove
* Cool as a cucumber