

SIMILES

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A simile makes a direct comparison.

As bad as the itch (as a blight)	As active as quicksilver
As bald as a coot	As afraid as a grasshopper
As bald as a billiard ball	As ageless as the sun
As bald as an egg	As agile as a cat (a monkey)
As bare as a stone (as winter)	As alert as chamois
As barren as a winter rain	As alert as a bird in springtime
As bashful as a schoolgirl	As alike as two peas
As beautiful as the sunset (as the rainbow)	As alone as a leper
As big as an elephant (as a whale)	As alone as Crusoe
As bitter as death	As ambitious as Lady Macbeth
As bitter as hemlock	As ancient as the sun
As bitter as wormwood	As ancient as the stars
As black as coal	As calm as a summer sea
As black as a crow (as a raven)	As calm as glass
As black as ebony (as pitch, as a starless night, as ink, as soot)	As calm as death
As black as pitch	As candid as mirrors
As black as a starless night	As careless as the wind
As black as sin	As cautious as a fox
As black as jet	As cautious as a scot
As black as a sloe	As certain as the rising of the morning sun
As blameless as the snow	As certain as Christmas
As blank as an empty bottle	As changeable as the weather
As blind as a bat (as ignorance)	As changeable as a weather cock
As blind as a beetle	As chaste as Minerva
As blind as a mole	As chaste as a lily
As blithe as a butterfly	As cheap as dirt

As cheap as lies
As cheeky as a young bantam cock
As cheerful as the birds
As cheerful as the day is long
As cheerful as lark
As cheerless as the grave
As cheery as a sunbeam
As clean as a Dutch oven
As clean as a new pin
As clear as crystal
As clear as said of tones
As clear as daylight
As clear as rock water
As clear as day
As clear as noonday
As clear as paint
As clumsy as a bear
As dangerous as machine guns
As dark as a dungeon
As dark as pitch
As dark as midnight
As dead as mutton
As dead as wood
As dead as a herring
As deaf as a beetle
As deaf as the billows
As deaf as a post
As deceitful as the devil
As deceptive as the mirage of the desert
As deep as despair
As deep as the sea

As deep as a well
As deep as a draw-well
As dejected as a wet hen
As delicious as a dream
As desolate as a tomb
As devoted as a mother
As devoted as a faithful dog
As difficult as a Greek puzzle
As difficult as a beginning
As dirty as a hog
As dirty as pig
As blithe as May
As blue as indigo
As blue as forget-me-nots
As blunt as a hammer
As blunt as the back of a knife
As boisterous as stormy sea winds
As bold as brass
As bold as a lion
As boundless as the ocean
As bounteous as nature
As brainless as a chimpanzee
As brave as a lion
As brave as Achilles
As brief as time
As brief as a dream
As bright as a new penny
As bright as a new shilling
As bright as day
As bright as noonday
As bright as the light

As bright as a lark	As confident as Hercules (as justice)
As bright as silver	As conscientious as a dog
As bright as button	As consoling as night
As brilliant as a mirror	As contagious as a yawn
As brilliant as the stars	As contrary as black and white (as light and darkness)
As brisk as a flea	As convincing as the multiplication table
As brisk as a bailiff	As cool as cucumber
As brisk as a butterfly	As costly as an election
As brittle as glass	As cosy as the nest of a bird
As broad as heaven's expanse	As countless as the stars (as hairs, the desert sand)
As brown as a berry (as a bun, as hazel nuts)	As cowardly as a wild duck
As brown as mahogany	As crafty as a fox
As buoyant as wings	As credulous as a child
As busy as an ant	As crisp as new bank notes
As busy as a bee (a nailer)	As crooked as a corkscrew
As angry as a wasp	As cross as two sticks
As far apart as the poles	As cruel as Media (as winter, as death)
As arid as the sands of Sahara	As cunning as a fox (as a monkey)
As artificial as clockwork	As curious as fish
As artificial as made ice	As disappointing as wet gunpowder
As audacious as the day	As dismal as a hearse
As awful as justice	As distant as the horizon
As awful as thunder	As dizzy as a goose
As awkward as a cow on ice	As docile as a lamb
As course as hemp (as fustian)	As dreadful as a gathering storm
As cold as charity	As dreary as an Asian Steppe (as an empty house)
As cold as a dog's nose (as a frog, as a corpse)	As drunk as a top (a fish, as a beggar)
As cold as ice (as marble, as a stone)	As dry as a biscuit
As comfortable as coin	As dry as dust
As common as pins (as poverty, as dirt)	As dry as a bone
As complacent as a cat	

As dry as a mummy	As fat as a porpoise (as a whale)
As dry as a stick	As fat as a quail
As dull as ditch water (as lead)	As fat as a sheep's tail (as a distillery pig)
As dumb as any oyster (as a mouse)	As feeble as a child
As dumb as a statue	As fickle as the weather (as friends, as the sea)
As dumb as a stone	As fidgety as an old maid
As eager as a bridegroom	As fierce as a lion (as a tiger)
As easy as A.B.C	As fierce as a famished wolf (as wolves)
As easy as pie (as shelling peas, as lying)	As firm as faith (as adamant)
As easy as winking	As firm as a rock
As elastic as a caterpillar	As firm as a steel (as Rocky Mountains)
As eloquent as Cicero	As fit as a fiddle
As elusive as quicksilver	As fixed as a fate
As empty as an idiot's mind (as space)	As fixed as the laws of the Medes and the Persians
As enticing as a riddle	As flabby as a sponge
As essential as the dew	As flat as a board
As expensive as glory	As flat as a flounder
As fabulous as Aladdin's ring	As flat as a pancake
As faint as the hum of distant bees	As flat as the fens of Holland
As fair as the moon (as truth, as Eve in Paradise)	As fleet as a gazelle (as a deer)
As fair as a rose	As fleet as a greyhound (as Diana)
As faithful as the dog (as the sun)	As fleet as the wind
As faithless as fair weather	As flimsy as a calf
As false as dice	As foul as slander (as a sty)
As familiar as an oath (as a popular song)	As frail as a lily (as lowers, as grass)
As far as the poles asunder	As free as the air (as a breeze)
As fast as deer	As free as thought
As fast as light	As free as a fly
As fast as butter	As free as a daisy
As fast as an eagle (as a storm)	As fresh as dew
As fat as a pig	As fresh as rose

As fresh as paint	As glorious as the sun
As fresh as sea breeze	As glum as an oyster (as mud)
As friendless as an alarm clock	As gluttonous as curiosity
As friendly as a puppy	As good as gold
As frigid as an iceberg	As good as a play
As frightened as Macbeth before the ghost of Banquo	As gorgeous as a Sultan (as the Heavens)
As frisky as colts (as a kitten)	As graceful as a fawn
As frisky as a lamb (as a two-year-old)	As graceful as a swan
As frizzled as a lawyer's wig	As gracious as the morn (as a duchess)
As fruitful as Egypt	As grand as a victory (as Greek Statue, as the world)
As full as an egg is of meat	As grasping as a miser
As game as a fighting cock	As grave as a judge
As garrulous as a magpie	As grey as time
As garrulous as an old maid	As grey as smoke
As gaudy as a butterfly	As great as a lord
As gaudy as a peacock	As greedy as a hog (as a cormorant)
As gay as a bullfinch	As greedy as a pig (a wolf, a dog)
As gay as a lark	As green as grass
As gay as the spring	As grim as death (as hell)
As generous as a dream	As gruff as a bear
As generous as a lord	As haggard as specters
As genial as sunshine	As hairless as an egg
As gentle as a dove	As hairy as a gorilla
As gentle as a fawn (as a turtle dove)	As hairy as a mastodon (a spider)
As gentle as a lamb	As handsome as paint
As gentle as sleep (as falling dew)	As happy as the day is long
As glad as a fly (as blooming tree)	As happy as a king
As glib as glass	As happy as a lark
As glossy as the finest silk	As happy as a lord
As gloomy as night	As hard as flint (as granite as steel)
	As hard as horn

As hard as iron	As hungry as a hunter
As hard as nails	As hungry as the grave (as a church mouse)
As hard as a stone (marble)	As hungry as a wolf (as a bear, as a horse)
As harmless as a babe	As hushed as a midnight
As harmless as a dove	As idle as a Lazzarone (as air)
As harsh as truth (as a grating wheel)	As ignorant as a child
As hasty as a fire	As illimitable as the boundless sea
As hateful as death	As illusive as a dream
As haughty as a devil	As imitative as a monkey
As healthy as a May morning	As immaculate as an angel
As hearty as an oak	As immense as the sea
As heavy as an elephant	As immortal ad the stars
As heavy as lead	As immutable as the laws of the Medes and the Persians
As heavy as sand (as a bag of sand)	As impatient as a lover
As helpless as a babe	As imperishable as eternity
As hideous as the witch of Endor	As impetuous as a poet
As high as heaven (as the stars)	As inconstant as the as the moon (as the waves)
As hoarse as a raven (as a crow)	As indolent as an old bachelor
As hollow as a drum	As industrious as a beaver
As honest as a mirror	As inevitable as death
As hopeful as the break of day	As inexhaustible as the deep sea
As horny as a camel's knee	As inexorable as a grave
As horrid as a murderer's dream	As inflexible as a granite rock
As hot as fire (as molten lead)	As innocent as a babe
As hot as a furnace (as an oven)	As innocent as a dove
As hot as pepper (as hell)	As innocent as a lamb
As hueless as a ghost	As invisible as the air
As huge as high Olympus	As jealous as a Spaniard
As humble as a worm (as Uriah's heap)	As jealous as a cat
As humorous as wind	As jolly as a shoe brush (as a sand boy)
As hungry as a hawk	

As joyful as a fly	As light as thistle down
As joyous as the laughter of a child	As like as two herring
As jubilant as old sleigh bells	As like as two beans
As keen as a razor	As like as two peas
As keen as hunger	As like as two drops of water
As keen as mustard	As lithe as a panther (as a tiger)
As killing as a plague	As little as Tom Thumb
As kind as consent	As little as a squirrel
As knowing as the stars	As lively as a cricket
As languish as a love-sick maid	As loathsome as a toad
As large as life	As lonely as a deserted ship (as the Arctic Sea)
As lasting as the pyramids	As loose as a rope of sand ('loose' here means 'incoherent' as of a person's speech)
As lavish as the moon	As loquacious as Polonius
As lawful as eating	As loud as a horn
As lawless as the stormy wind	As loud as thunder
As lax as cut string	As lovely as Venus
As lazy as a toad (as a lobster)	As lovely as the violet
As lazy as a pig	As low as the grave
As lazy as a ship in the doldrums	As lowly as a slave
As lean as Sancho's ass (as a lath)	As loyal as an apostle
As lean as a skeleton	As loyal as a dove
As lenient as soft opiates to the wind	As mad as a hatter
As level as a pond	As mad as a March hare
As liberal as the sun	As magnanimous as Agamemnon
As lifeless as the grave	As malicious as Satan
As light as air	As mean as a miser
As light as down	As meek as a dove
As light as a butterfly ('light' here is opposed to 'grave')	As meek as a lamb
As light as a feather ('light' here is opposed to 'heavy')	As meek as a mouse
	As merciless as the grave (as Othello)

As merciless as ambition	As nimble as lizard (as quicksilver)
As merry as a cricket	As nimble as squirrel
As merry as a lark	As noisy as a menagerie
As merry as spring	As numerous as the sands upon the ocean shore
As mild as a dove	As obedient as a puppet (as a scabbard)
As mild as moonlight	As obnoxious as an alligator
As mischievous as a kitten	As obstinate as a mule
As mischievous as a monkey	As obstinate as a pig
As mobile as humanity	As old as creation (as Methuselah, as Trilobites)
As modest as a dove	As old as the hills
As modest as a primrose	As opaque as the sky
As monotonous as the sea	As open as day
As motionless as a corpse	As open as a mile
As mournful as the grave	As opposite as the poles
As muddy as sheep dogs	As pale as a ghost
As mum as an oyster	As pale as death
As mute as a fish	As passionate as young love
As mute as mice	As patient as the hours
As mute as the grave	As patient as Job
As mute as the tomb	As patient as an ox
As mysterious as an echo (as a sphinx)	As peaceful as sleep
As naked as night	As persistent as a mosquito
As naked as a peeled apple	As piercing as light
As natural as life	As placid as a duck pond
As near-sighted as a mole	As plain as a pikestaff
As neat as a nail (as ninepins)	As playful as a butterfly
As needful as the sun	As playful as a rabbit
As nervous as a mouse	As playful as a kitten
As new as day	As playful as a puppy
As nice as nine pence	As playful as a squirrel
As nimble as a bee	As pleasant as health

As pleased as punch	As quick as a weasel
As plentiful as ants	As quiet as a mouse
As plentiful as blackberries	As quiet as a lamb
As plump as mastiffs	As ragged as Lazarus
As plump as partridge	As rapid as lightning
As polite as wax	As rare as a blue rose
As poor as a church mouse	As rare as a comet
As poor as Job	As ravenous as a winter
As poor as Lazarus	As real as the stars
As populous as an ant hill	As rebellious as the sea
As positive as a Scotsman	As red as a cherry
As powerful as death	As red as a rose
As powerful as a lion	As red as fire
As powerless as an infant	As red as blood (as a poppy)
As pretty as an a picture	As red as a crimson
As pretty as paint	As red as scarlet
As progressive as time	As red as a turkey-cock
As prolific as rabbits	As refractory as a mule
As proud as a peacock	As regal as Juno
As proud as Lucifer	As regular as the clock (as clockwork)
As punctilious as a Spaniard	As regular as sunrise
As punctual as a springtime	As relentless as fate
As pure as a lily	As remote as a dream as resistant as the wind
As pure as a winter snow	As restless as ambition
As pure as faith	As restless as the sea
As purple as the heather	As rich as Croesus (as a Creole)
As quarrelsome as the weasel	As rich as a Jew
As quick as a flash	As right as nails
As quick as a lamplighter	As right as rain
As quick as lighting	As right as a cherry
As quick as thought	As rosy as a bride (as the morn)

As rotten as dirt	As shameless as sin
As rough as hemp	As shameless as a nude statue
As rough as a storm	As shapeless as an old shoe
As round as a barrel	As sharp as a needle
As round as the O of Giotto	As sharp as a razor (as a thistle)
As round as a ball	As sharp as a lance
As round as an orange (as an apple)	As short as any dream
As round as a globe	As short as the life of a wave
As rude as a bear	As shy as a school girl
As rugged as a rhinoceros	As shy as the squirrel
As ruthless as the sea	As shy as the fawn
As sacred as a shrine	As sick as the dog
As sad as night	As silent as the grave (as the dead)
As sad as doom	As silent as thought
As safe as houses (as the bank)	As silent as the stars
As safe as a tortoise under its shell	As silent as a stone
As safe as black house (as sardine)	As silly as calves
As salt as sea sponge (as brine)	As silly as a sheep (as a goose, as a goat)
As salt as a herring	As simple as A.B.C
As saucy as the wave	As simple as a child
As scarce as hen's teeth	As sincere as sunlight
As scarce as feathers on a fish	As sleek as a mouse
As secret as thought	As sleepless as owls
As secure as the grave	As slender as gossamer
As seedy as a raspberry	As slender as a thread
As selfish as a fox	As slippery as an eel
As senseless as stones	As solid as bricks
As sensitive as a flower	As solitary as a tomb
As serious as a doctor	As soothing as the breath of spring
As serious as an owl	As sound as a bell
As shallow as a pan	As sour as lime (crab)

As sour as vinegar	As stupid as a sloth
As spacious as the element	As stupid as a log (as a post)
As speechless as a stone	As stupid as an oak
As spineless as a jelly fish	As subtle as a serpent
As spiteful as a monkey	As sudden as a snap
As spotless as snow (as lilies)	As sudden as lighting
As spruce as an onion	As sulky as a bear
As stale as old beer	As superfluous as a fifth wheel
As stately as an oak	As superstitious as sailors
As steadfast as a queen	As talkative as a magpie
As steady as the sun	As tall as a giant
As stealthy as a rock	As tall as a steeple (mast)
As stealthy as a cat	As tall as maypole
As stern as a judge	As tall as a poplar
As stiff as a poker	As tame as a sheep
As stiff as a stone (as a ramrod)	As tame as a chicken
As stiff as death	As tame as a hare
As still as a log (as a statue)	As tame as a house cat
As still as the grave	As taut as a fiddle string
As still as a post	As tedious as a guilty conscience
As stink as a polecat (as carrion)	As tenacious as a bull-dog
As stolid as a cow	As tender as a bud
As straight as an arrow	As tender as a chicken (i.e. in eating flesh)
As straight as a candle (as a lance)	As tender as a lamb
As strange as a vision	As tender as a shepherd
As strong as brandy	As tender as tears
As strong as Hercules (as Samson)	As terrible as Jove
As strong as a horse (as a lion)	As terrible as hell
As strong as an ox	As thick as ants
As stubborn as a mule	As thick as a castle
As stupid as an ass (as a donkey)	As thick as thieves

As thick as hail (as hailstones)	As ugly as sin
As thick as blackberries	As ugly as a toad
As thin as a groat (as a lath)	As unapproachable as a star
As thin as a wafer	As unattractive as a gargoyle
As thin as a rake	As uncertain as the weather
As thirsty as a sponge (as Tantalus)	As unchangeable as the past
As thoughtless as a lark	As unclean as a sin
As tidy as a candy shop	As uncomplaining as a lamb
As tight as a drum head	As uncompromising as justice
As tight as teeth	As unconquerable as chewing gum
As tight as wax	As uncontrollable as the wave
As timid as a mouse	As unfeeling as rocks
As timid as a fawn	As unhappy as King Lear
As timid as a rabbit (as a hare)	As universal as seasickness
As tired as tombstones	As universal as light
As tough as leather (said of food hard to chew)	As unmerciful as the billows
As tough as nails	As unprofitable as smoke
As trackless as the sea (as the desert)	As unreal as a dream
As tranquil as the summer sea	As unstable as water
As transient as lightning	As unsteady as the ocean
As transparent as glass	As unusual as a sailor on the horseback
As treacherous as the memory	As upright as a tower
As tricky as an ape (a monkey)	As useful as a cow
As trivial as a parrot's prate	As vague as a shadow (as futurity)
As troublesome as a monkey	As vain as a peacock
As true as steel	As various as the weather (as variable as the weather)
As true as the gospel	As vast as eternity
As truthful as a knight of old	As venomous as a snake
As tuneless as a bag of wool	As vigilant as the stars
As ugly as a bear (as an ape)	As vigorous as fire
As ugly as a scarecrow	

As violent as steam
 As virtuous as holy truth
 As vulgar as money
 As wan as moonlight (as ashes)
 As warlike as the wolf
 As warm as sunbeams
 As warm as wool
 As wary as a fox
 As wasteful as a hen
 As watchful as a hawk
 As watchful as a sentinel
 As wavering as Hamlet
 As weak as a baby (as a child)
 As weak as a kitten (as a cat)
 As weak as water
 As weak as a reed
 As weather-beaten as a fisherman's oar
 As welcome as dew on parched flowers
 As welcome as a star
 As welcome as rainstorm in hell
 As wet as a fish
 As wet as a drowned rat
 As white as fleece (as ivory, as a lily)
 As white as a ghost
 As white as porcelain

As white as sheet
 As white as snow
 As white as wool
 As wide as hope
 As wilful as a mule
 As wily as a fox
 As wise as an owl
 As wise as a serpent
 As wise as Solomon
 As wise as Solon
 As witless as a jackdaw
 As yellow as a crow's foot
 As yellow as a guinea
 As yellow as saffron (as jaundice, as sulphur)
 As yielding as wax
 As young as morn
 As young as dawn
 As youthful as the month of May
 As zigzag as a lightning

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