

Figurative Language

Similes and Metaphors

Name: _____ Date: _____

Part A. Directions: In each sentence below underline the simile. Then write the simple meaning of the sentence. The first one has been done for you.

1. The overfed dog was as big as an elephant.

The overfed dog was very fat.

2. The boy's hair was as black as coal.
3. The child waiting his turn at the dentist's office was as brave as a lion.
4. It might only be thirty minutes after lunch but he was as hungry as a bear.
5. She was like a hornet when she learned that her sister was using her jacket.
6. Sam was as proud as a peacock when he got a 95% on his math test.
7. As quick as lightning, Marika raced to the office to warn the school about the dark cloud she had seen.
8. The little horse was like an oak able to carry twice as much as other horses.
9. She was only 10 years old but she stood as tall as a giraffe compared to her classmates.
10. He was as tough as nails on the outside but most of the time he just felt scared.

Part B. Directions: Rewrite any five of the sentences so that the simile is changed into a metaphor. You may use the back of this paper or a sheet of your own paper. *For example: 10. He was a tough nail on the outside but most of the time he just felt scared.*