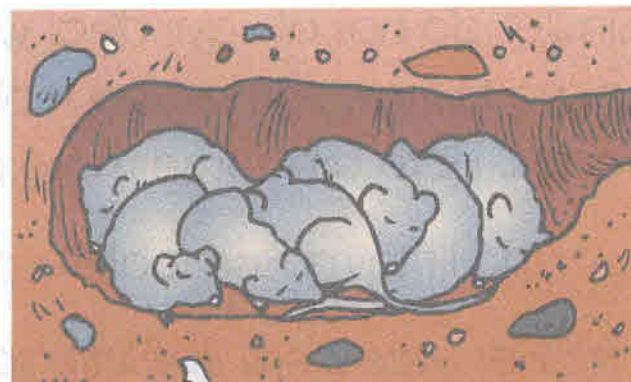


## Lesson 3 Make up a Simile

Sometimes, the goal of writing is to create a picture for the reader. One way to create a vivid picture is to use a **simile**. In a simile, two things that are not alike are compared, using the word *like* or *as*. The first sentence in the paragraph below is a simile. It compares snow to a blanket. What kind of picture does it create in your mind?



Snow lay on the field like a blanket. Underneath it, mice scurried in their grassy tunnels. They were happy and safe underneath the warm covering.

Here is another simile. What pictures does it create for you?

In their burrow, the mice snuggled together. They fit together like puzzle pieces, side to side and end to end.

In this simile, how mice snuggle together is compared to how puzzle pieces fit together. Adding the simile in the second sentence creates a vivid picture.

Some similes are very common. They usually involve comparing the color of something to the color of something else.

Her hair was *as black as coal*.

The tree's yellow leaves glowed *like flames*.

Try some similes on your own. Complete each simile with at least one word that creates a picture in your mind.

My face turned as red as \_\_\_\_\_

The old man's hair was as white as \_\_\_\_\_

The storm clouds rolled in like \_\_\_\_\_

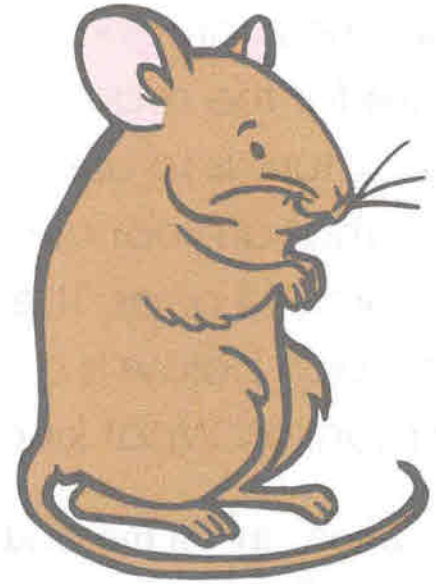
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Similes do not always deal with color. They might relate to how something looks, sounds, feels, or tastes. Here are some more examples.

The little mouse looked *as soft as velvet*.

Her ears were *like little saucers* perched atop her head.

The snap of the trap was *like an explosion*.  
Mice scattered everywhere.



Remember, similes are all about creating images. Use your senses and your imagination and create some great images. Remember that you must use *like* or *as* in your comparison.

Write a simile in which you compare some detail about an animal to something else. Here is an example.

The frightened cat stopped; its tail stuck up like an antenna.

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Write a simile about a sound.

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Write a simile about a texture or how something feels.

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Write a simile about how something looks.

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Write another simile about an object in the room around you.

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