A ***simile*** is a comparison of two things using *like* or *as*.

A ***metaphor*** is a direct comparisonbetween two nouns without using *like* or *as*.

**Simile examples:**

She is ***as*** sweet as candy.

Bob runs ***like*** a deer.

She slept ***like*** a log.

He is as thin ***as*** a rail.

**Metaphor examples:**

My dad is a bear.

The bar of soap was a slippery eel.

You are my sunshine.

The room is a pigsty.

**In the following sentences circle the two nouns that are being compared. Then label each one as being either a simile or a metaphor.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1. The baby was like an octopus, grabbing all the cans on the store’s shelves.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2. As the teacher entered the room she muttered under her breath, “This class is like a three-ring circus!”

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_3. The giant’s steps were thunder as he ran toward Jack.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_4. The pillow was a cloud when I put my head upon it after a long day.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_5. I feel like a limp dishrag.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_6. Those girls are like two peas in a pod.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_7. The fluorescent light was the sun during the test.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_8. No one invites Harold to parties because he’s a wet blanket.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_9. He’s as dumb as someone who tries to drown a fish.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_10. Ted was as nervous as a cat with a long tail in a room full of rocking chairs.