

3. TITLE:

SIMILE

... like a ...

... as a ...

SENTENCES

EXAMPLES:

- a. The moon hung above us like a patient, pale white face.
- b. Although it was August it was as cold as a late December evening.

EXPLANATION:

A *simile sentence* has, quite obviously, a central simile which creates a vivid picture in the reader's mind.

With younger pupils, I call these ... *like a* ... and ... *as a* ... sentences as this provides the writer with the language of comparison necessary when creating similes.

TEACHING TIPS:

The key to producing an effective *simile sentence* is to avoid cliché. One way of achieving this is to start by producing a poster of *Banned Similes* such as;

BANNED

It was as cold as ice.

It was as hot as the sun.

He shivered like a leaf.

I then show children a method of making such banned similes more interesting by adding 'Where?' and 'When?' to the end of the cliché, for example

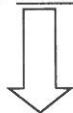
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It was as cold as ice.

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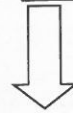
BETTER

It was as cold as ice floating in the Arctic ocean on a moonlit winter night.



WHERE?

(Think of a very cold place)



WHEN?

(Think of a time when it is very cold)