

# SIMILE POEM

Similes are an example of *Figurative Language*. *Figurative Language* is a type of descriptive language where the text doesn't mean exactly what it says. You need to use your imagination to figure out what the author is trying to say. A **Simile Poem** is a poem that uses *like* or *as* to compare two similar things. Each line of a **Simile Poem** compares one thing (person, place, or thing) to something else. Similes can bring humor, interest, and creativity to your writing.

Norman chose to write a **Zoo Animal Simile Poem** about a trip he took to the zoo. He wrote about the animals he saw at the zoo and used similes to describe each animal in a unique way. Use the templates and suggestions below to write an **Animal Simile Poem** of your own.

1. Use the **Zoo Animal Simile Poem** Template #1 to practice writing similes using *like* or *as*. In this exercise, pretend you've just visited a zoo. What animals did you see? What did they look like?

- In the first blank, write an animal.
- In the second blank, describe the animal.
- In the third blank, write something else that the zoo animal looks like or reminds you of.

In Norman's poem, he wrote, *I saw a peacock as colorful as a mermaid*. Did he really see a peacock that looked like a mermaid? No, but he did see a peacock with colorful feathers that reminded him of the colorful scales on a mermaid.

2. The **Zoo Animal Simile Poem** Template #2 gives more practice writing similes. This style of poem is very similar to the **I Am Poem** from September, except this time we are comparing each different part of our personality to a different animal. For example, *I am as slow as a tired sloth* or *I am as fast as an ostrich*.
3. Use the **Animal Simile Poem** Brainstorming and Practice Templates to write a poem describing the different parts of one animal. After you pick an animal, think about the characteristics of that animal, then write a descriptive simile for each part of the animal. When writing about a giraffe, I could write *My tail is as long as a jump rope* or *My legs are as tall as a step-ladder*.
4. Write your finished poem on the right side of this piece of paper. Cut out your **Animal Simile Poem** and glue it into your *Poetry Notebook*. Then, illustrate your poem.
5. Share your poems with us on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages at @MaryRuthBooks or by email to [admin@maryruthbooks.com](mailto:admin@maryruthbooks.com).

# I WENT TO THE ZOO

I went to the zoo, and I saw

A \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.

A \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.

A \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.

A \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.

A \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.

I went to the zoo, and I saw

A \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_.

A \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_.

A \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_.

A \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_.

A \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_.

# I AM A ZOO

I am as quick as a \_\_\_\_\_.

I am as slow as a \_\_\_\_\_.

I am as small as a \_\_\_\_\_.

I am as big as a \_\_\_\_\_.

I am as strong as a \_\_\_\_\_.

I am as weak as a \_\_\_\_\_.

I am as nice as a \_\_\_\_\_.

I am as mean as a \_\_\_\_\_.

I am as cold as a \_\_\_\_\_.

I am as hot as a \_\_\_\_\_.

I am as loud as a \_\_\_\_\_.

I am as quiet as a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Animal Simile Poem Brainstorming Template

**Select** an animal as the topic for your poem. **Brainstorm** to fill in the boxes with words or phrases that describe each part of the animal. **Display** in the classroom or **glue** into your *Poetry Notebook*. **Use** brainstormed words to help write your poem.

fur, feathers, scales, skin, hair	nose	ears
face		eyes
hands, fingers	animal	legs, arms
mouth, teeth, tongue		body
head	feet, toes	tail

## Animal Simile Poem Practice Template

I AM A \_\_\_\_\_

My body is as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.

My nose is as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.

My ears are as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.

My legs are as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.

My tongue is as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.

My tail is as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.

My feet are as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.

My head is as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.

My teeth are as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.

My face is as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.

My eyes are as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.

My fur or feathers or scales or hair or skin  
is as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.