# SIMILE POEM

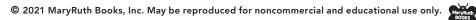
Similes are an example of Figurative Language. Figurative Language is a type of descriptive language where the text doesn't mean exactly what it says. You need to use your imagination to figure out what the author is trying to say. A **Simile Poem** is a poem that uses *like* or **as** to compare two 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.





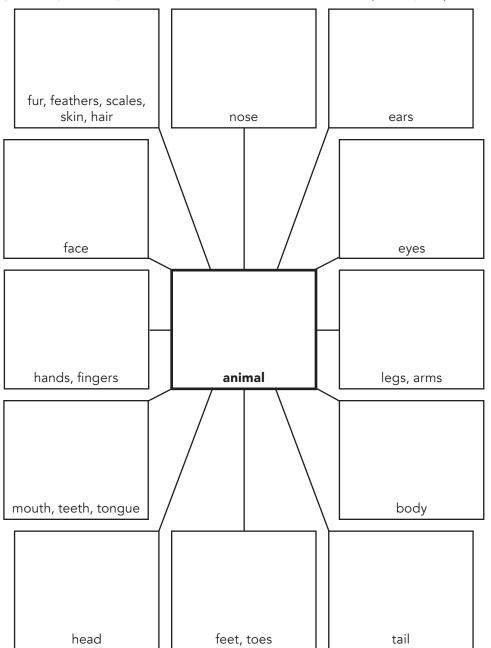
## I WENT TO THE ZOO

### I AM A ZOO

I went to the zoo, and I saw			I am as quick as a
Α	as	as a	I am as slow as a
Α	as	as a	I am as small as a
Α	as	as a	I am as big as a
Α	as	as a	I am as strong as a
Α	as	as a	I am as weak as a
I went to the zoo, and I saw			I am as nice as a
Α	with a	like a	I am as mean as a
Α	with a	like a	I am as cold as a
Α	with a	like a	I am as hot as a
Α	with a	like a	I am as loud as a
Α	with a	like 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.



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#### 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 \_\_\_\_\_.