

**I. Last week many of you used good similes in your writing. Similes are comparisons using “like” or “as”. Below are some examples of similes. Change them to make them better.**

1. She swims like a fish.
2. He looks like a toad.
3. She is as tall as a giant.
4. He is as quick as a rabbit.
5. I am as sneaky as a fox.
6. The children were quiet as mice.

**II. Invent a simile to describe something or someone that:**

1. is very hard
2. feels soft
3. is sweet
4. feels rough
5. sounds noisy
6. is heavy
7. tastes bad
8. is a good runner

**III. Imagination Game:**

Each person in the group should pick one of the numbers and act out the sentence. Others try to guess which statement she picked. After the group guesses, everyone marks out that choice and the next person takes a turn.

- a. a lion about to attack a herd of deer
- b. a rabbit listening for a snake
- c. a squirrel trying to cross a road
- d. a turtle backing up
- e. someone has just stepped on your toe
- f. you've just won first prize
- g. you're lighting the candles on a birthday cake
- h. you're learning to ice skate
- i. hunt for something you lost
- j. feed the baby
- k. you're a rock climber climbing up a cliff
- l. a bee is buzzing around your head
- m. you are playing the drum in the marching band parade
- n. you are a thirsty but scared animal at the watering hole
- o. shoot your bow and arrow
- p. you're playing badminton with yourself
- q. put on your make up in front of a mirror

**IV. Brainstorm words that are associated with the following words. Write several words. Compare your answers with others in the group. The first one is done for you.**

- a) cats: puss in boots, catnip, sneaky, hairy, purr, kitten, playful, litter, lions, leopards, shed
- b) boots:
- c) ticket:
- d) couch:
- e) coffee:
- f) dirt:
- g) elephants:

h)clouds:

**V. Discuss these questions.**

1. If you had to spend the rest of your life in one place, where would it be? Would it bother you to spend your whole life in one place? Are you comfortable with the idea of moving frequently? Do you and your spouse feel the same about moving frequently? What is the worst part of moving?
2. What is the first thing you notice about someone when meeting for the first time? Do you always trust your first impressions? Do "clothes make the man"?
3. Name a book that almost everyone is required to read in school in your country. Tell about it.
4. What is your favorite thing about being sick?
5. What are your two favorite salad ingredients?
6. How often do you pretend not to see people that you know?
7. What is the worst thing about going to the beach?
8. If you could meet any person from history, who would it be?