

Reading – Thursday 2nd April

We hope you are all making some time to read for pleasure.

Where do you like to read?
In bed?
In the bath?
Snuggled under a blanket?



Maybe you could make a reading den out of some chairs and a sheet.
Or if you have some outside space, how about reading in the sunshine (when the weather improves!)?



Today we are back to 'Radical Reading'.
This is where we work specifically on reading comprehension.

Last week, in English, we learnt about **similes**.
What do you remember about this?

They are:

Similes help us to imagine what something might look like, sound like, feel like, taste like...

Similes

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



As sweet as honey



(Racing) like a frightened

I am as quick as a cheetah.
My **eyes** are as blue as the ocean.
My **ears** can hear like a rabbit.
My **brain** is as smart as a scientist.
My **nose** can smell like a bear.
My **heart** is as big as an elephant.


The reading skill we are focussing on today is to

Today, we are learning to:

Define

We can give or explain the meaning of words by:

- *using parts of the word we already know*
- *using the rest of the sentence or paragraph to look for clues.*



and our text is a list of similes.

Look at this text. How quickly can you spot these words?

feather cunning straight mule stubborn giraffe

Adults – if your child is not a confident reader yet, please help them to use their ‘phonics fingers’ to segment and blend the trickier words. For example,


f – ea – th – er

feather

ONE THING LIKE ANOTHER

We have lots of sayings, comparing one thing to another, such as: as busy as a bee. Draw lines to make the saying complete. One has already been done for you.

As brave as a	lamb
As quick as	feather
As warm as	lion
As gentle as a	lightning
As cunning as a	mule
As light as a	fox
As straight as an	toast
As tall as a	eel
As stubborn as a	arrow
As slippery as an	giraffe



Can you match each word to a picture that shows its meaning?

feather

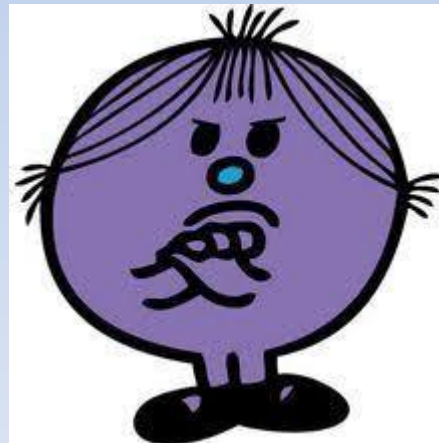
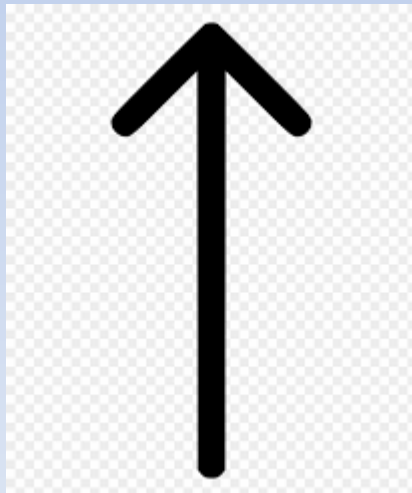
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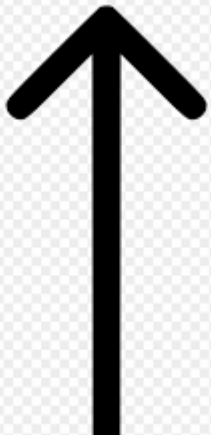
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cunning

Activity: To draw lines to make the saying complete

Please use a ruler if you have one.

If you do not have a printer, you can write them in your home learning book.

For children who are working at 'walk' level, you can choose 4 to write out.

TOP TIPS

- 1. Read through the words on the right.*
- 2. Now read through the start of each description on the left, focussing on the adjective.*

*as **cunning** as a...*

*as **brave** as a...*


- 3. Finally, decide which word best matches the description. So, which word is something that is **cunning**? Which is something **brave**?*

Leave any tricky ones to the end as there will be fewer choices left.

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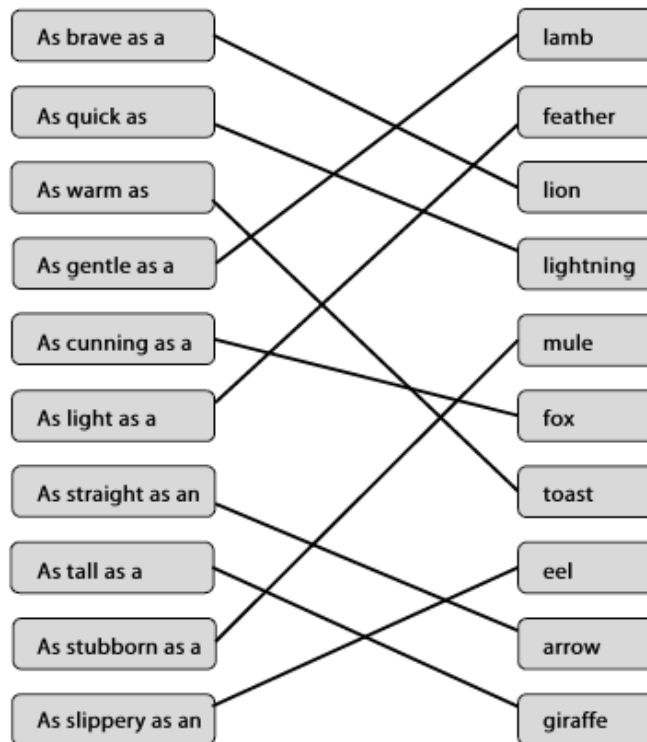


Here are the answers.

No peeking if you haven't finished it yet!

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Children – You can mark your own work. ✓ = correct . = incorrect
Adults – Please talk through any incorrect answers with your child.

An extra challenge for anyone who would like to do some more work on similes

Inventing New Similes

Have a look at these well-known similes and think up some new up-to-date versions...

1. As happy as a pig in mud.

New version: As happy as...

2. As fresh as a daisy.

New version: As fresh as...

3. As busy as a bee.

New version: As busy as...

4. As cool as a cucumber.

New version: As cool as...

5. As clean as a whistle.

New version: As clean as...

6. As flat as a pancake.

New version: As flat as...

7. As quick as a wink.

New version: As quick as...

8. As snug as a bug in a rug.

New version: As snug as...
