

8 PARTS of SPEECH

- noun** - names a person, place, thing, or idea
(**boy, home, bat , happiness**)
- pronoun** - takes the place of a noun
(**he, she" I, you.**)
- verb** - shows an action or state of being
(**leap, is, knows**)
- adjective** - describes a noun or pronoun and tells which one,
what kind, how many
(**this, fluffy, several**)
- adverb** - describes a verb, adjective, or another adverb
and tells how, when, where, how often
(**happily, yesterday, here, never**)
- preposition** - connects a noun or pronoun to another word;
prepositions come in PHRASES
(**TO the park, AT the house**)
- conjunction** - joins words, phrases, or clauses
(**and, but, or, since, while**)
- interjection** - shows strong feeling and is not connected to the
rest of the sentence
(**Oh! Wow! Ouch! Great!**)

(Verbs)

Instead of “said” try...

accused	commanded	grinned	preached	snickered
added	commented	groaned	predicted	sniffed
adlibbed	complained	growled	proclaimed	snorted
admit	consoled	grumbled	proposed	sobbed
advised	continued	grunted	protested	specified
affirmed	corrected	hesitated	puffed	speculated
agreed	cried	hinted	questioned	spewed
announced	dared	hissed	quipped	spoke
answered	debated	hollered	quizzed	sputtered
argued	declared	howled	quoted	squeaked
asked	declined	implied	reasoned	squealed
assumed	decried	indicated	recalled	stammered
assured	deduced	injected	refused	stated
babbled	defended	insisted	related	submitted
balked	deferred	instructed	relayed	suggested
bartered	demanded	interrupted	remarked	tattled
barked	denied	invited	reminded	teased
beckoned	denounced	joked	repeated	testified
begged	described	joshed	replied	thanked
bellowed	directed	justified	reported	thought
blabbed	divulged	laughed	responded	thundered
blasted	drawled	maintained	restated	urged
blubbered	echoed	mentioned	roared	vowed
blurted	emphasized	mimicked	sang	waited
boasted	encouraged	moaned	scoffed	wept
brayed	exclaimed	muttered	scolded	whimpered
bragged	exhorted	objected	screamed	whined
bubbled	explained	ordered	screeched	whispered
cackled	exploded	persisted	shouted	whistled
called	gasped	persuaded	shrieked	wondered
choked	giggled	pleaded	sighed	yawned
	gossiped		snapped	yelped

MOVEMENT Vocabulary (More Verbs)

amble

canter

charge

clump

coast

cruise

dance

drift

file

flit

float

flow

fly

gallop

glide

hasten

hide

hustle

limp

loaf

lumber

march

meander

navigate

pace

parade

plod

ply

prance

prowl

race

ramble

range

roam

roll

rove

sail

sashay

saunter

scamper

scurry

shuffle

slide

slink

slither

sneak

sprint

stalk

stampede

straggle

stride

stroll

strut

swerve

toddle

tread

trek

wallow

waltz

wander

SOUND Vocabulary (Even More Verbs)

babble	gibber	screech
bark	groan	sizzle
bash	grumble	snap
bawl	grunt	snarl
bay	gurgle	snort
bellow		splash
boom	hiss	squall
bray	hoot	squeak
buzz	howl	
	hum	thud
cackle		thump
caw	jingle	tick
chant		tinkle
chatter	meow	toll
chime	moan	toot
chirp	mumble	trill
clank	murmur	twitter
clash	mutter	
clatter		wail
click	neigh	whine
crack		whisper
creak	patter	
croak	peep	yap
	pop	yell
fizz	quack	yelp
		zap
	roar	zip
	rumble	

(Use these words as **Nouns** by putting **a**, **an**, or **the** in front of them)

DESCRIPTIVE Vocabulary

SMELL

musty
smoky
spoiled
unpleasant
rank
fruity
foul
fresh
sweet
spicy
fragrant
disgusting
delicious

TASTE

salty
tangy
flavorful
spicy
savory
tasty
watery
unpleasant
sugary
delectable
luscious
smoked
greasy
crispy
crunchy
sweet

TOUCH

gooey
slimy
hairy
silky
velvety
greasy
slippery
rough
smooth
coarse
grainy
lumpy
knotty
Sharp
fluffy
jagged
sticky
rocky
slick
satiny
furry
cottony
thorny
tingling

SIGHT

hideous
lovely
handsome
attractive
dazzling
spacious
multi-colored
glossy
dull
homely
unsightly
glistening
sparkling
glittering

COLOR Vocabulary

(More Adjectives)

RED

blush red
brick
cardinal
cherry
cranberry
crimson
flame
pink
rose
rust
Strawberry

PURPLE

amethyst
grape
lavender
lilac
magenta
maroon
mauve
plum
puce
violet

BROWN

chestnut
cinnamon
caramel
cocoa
chocolate
fudge
fawn
mahogany
mud
russet

ORANGE

apricot
brass
bronze
coral
copper
peach
pumpkin
salmon
tangerine

BLUE

aqua
azure
indigo
midnight
navy
royal
sapphire
sky blue
steel blue
turquoise

GRAY

ash
dove
iron
leaden
metallic
silver
slate
steel

GREEN

avocado
emerald
evergreen
grass
jade
lime
moss
olive
pine

YELLOW

banana
gold
lemon
mustard
sallow
neon

BLACK

dusky
ebony
jet
onyx
pitch
sable

WHITE

blanched ivory
milky
snowy
pearly

PATTERNS

checked
dappled
flecked
freckled
marbled
patched
speckled

TIRED WORDS  **Try these instead...**

very	quite, extremely, remarkably, positively
big	huge, great, overgrown, bulky, tremendous, massive abundant, ample, sufficient
happy	cheerful, merry, delighted, jolly, jovial, elated, ecstatic
good/nice	kind, thoughtful, well-behaved, obedient, helpful, useful
ready	prepared, alert, prompt, anxious
pretty	fair, attractive, radiant, elegant
neat	tidy, trim, orderly
interesting	puzzling, baffling, compelling, curious
funny	strange, odd unique, unusual, humorous, absurd
a lot/ lots of	many, several, numerous (1, 2, etc.)

STAY AWAY FROM: wonderful, awesome, great, marvelous, excellent, spectacular, magnificent, gorgeous, outstanding, sensational

THESE WORDS ARE TOO GENERAL.

Creating **DESCRIPTIVE WORDS** and **PHRASES**

A **SIMILE** is a group of words that creates a vivid image by comparing two things that have a common characteristic. Similes use **LIKE** or **AS** within the comparison.

In creating a simile, it is critical to choose a comparative image that communicates the meaning you want understood.

Explain the meaning that is communicated in each of the following similes:

Daryl **FELT LIKE A FISH OUT OF WATER**.

The **MOSQUITOES WERE AS BIG AS BIRDS**.

The **CHILDREN WHINED LIKE SIRENS** for a treat.

My **HAIR FLEW LIKE STRAW** after my swim.

Her **HEAD WAS THE SIZE OF A WATERMELON** when she won the contest.

The **TRAFFIC MOVED LIKE A SNAIL**.

The **ICE LOOKED LIKE A SHEET OF PLATE GLASS**.

Creating **DESCRIPTIVE WORDS** and **PHRASES**

A **METAPHOR** is a direct comparison of two things that have a common characteristic. Metaphors do not use LIKE or AS within the comparison. Metaphors use "being verbs" to communicate that one thing is or was another.

In creating a metaphor, it is critical to choose a comparative image that communicates the meaning you want understood.

Explain the meaning that is communicated in each of the following metaphors:

The POND WAS A MIRROR.

The TREES WERE SILENT SENTINELS.

The MOSQUITO BITES WERE MOUNTAINS on my arm.

Our BUS RIDE WAS A ROLLER COASTER.

My GRANDMOTHER IS A STICK OF DYNAMITE when she gets mad.

She IS A JEWEL.

Words to Describe Behaviors

Positive...
(desirable)

carefree
clever
talented
ingenious
powerful
capable
proper
quick-witted
generous
truthful
honest
reliable
dependable
quick
agile
industrious
hard-working
energetic
keen
sensitive
sharp
determined
affectionate
lively
nimble
spry
agreeable
helpful
friendly
amicable
good-natured
even-tempered
lovable
likeable

amusing
comical
entertaining
appreciative
charming
authoritative
enchanting
lovely
courteous
mannerly
charitable
lucky
fortunate
daring
fearless
heroic
gallant
valiant
bright
intelligent
gifted
delicate
active
gentle
relaxed
composed
unruffled
efficient
thoughtful
easygoing
optimistic
shrewd
inquisitive
adventurous

enthusiastic
business-like
merry
stylish
well-spoken
flexible
resilient
playful
sociable
cheerful
harmless
heartly
neighborly
independent
self-reliant
self-confident
obedient
methodical
orderly
systematic
mature
natural
realistic
observant
open-minded
persevering
practical
loyal
faithful
sincere
earnest

Words to Describe Behaviors

Negative...
(UNdesirable)

weak
thoughtless
laughable
pessimistic
sly
prying
nosy
feeble
frail
depressed
bizarre
peculiar
envious
jealous
treacherous
listless
fierce
savage
threatening
forlorn
dejected
downcast
frantic
desperate
vain
mournful
glum
self-absorbed
weary
exhausted
worried
troubled
haggard
stern
insensitive
harmless
proud
arrogant

tearful
timid
apprehensive
agitated
aggressive
sickly
lonely
solitary
amateurish
aggravating
irritating
ashamed
embarrassed
astonished
shocked
dumbfounded
flabbergasted
authoritative
awkward
clumsy
bungling
gawky
infantile
babyish
immature
silly
naughty
disobedient
rude
ill-mannered
mystified
bewildered
deceived
cowardly
sheepish
cruel
brutish
disappointed

overbearing
despairing
hypocritical
critical
insincere
meek
humble
frigid
illiterate
indifferent
useless
trivial
petty
insulting
tiresome
boring
frustrating
juvenile
sullen
mischievous
disobedient
needy
pathetic
prejudiced
careless
impulsive
reckless
violent
blunt
absentminded
forgetful
odd
unreasonable
abusive
sharp
stubborn
frightened
alarmed