

Common similes

A simile is a figure of speech in which one thing is compared with another things. Here are some common similes in English.

As crooked as a dog's hind leg

If somebody is as crooked as a dog's hind leg, they are dishonest.

No one will trust you if you are as crooked as a dog's hind leg.

As fat as a pig

If somebody is as fat as a pig, they are very fat.

I must start dieting. I am as fat as a pig.

As gentle as a lamb

If somebody is as gentle as a lamb, they are very gentle.

The boy is as gentle as a lamb when his parents are around.

As gruff as a bear

If somebody is as gruff as a bear, they are very unsociable.

The lady next door is as gruff as a bear. She never invites people to her home.

As hungry as a bear

When you are as hungry as a bear, you are very hungry.

The boy was as hungry as a bear when he got home from school.

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As innocent as a lamb

If someone is as innocent as a lamb, they are very innocent or naïve.

Everybody loves Julie. She is as innocent as a lamb.

As meek as a lamb

If somebody is as meek as a lamb, they are very quiet or docile.

As a teenager Frieda was as meek as a lamb. I still can't believe that she has become an aggressive business woman.

As nervous as a cat

If somebody is as nervous as a cat, they are very nervous.

She was as nervous as a cat during the interview.