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Simile Worksheet 1

Directions: Identify the two things that are being compared in each simile and explain what the simile is expressing in literal language.

Simile: a comparison between two different things using the word "like" or "as."

Example: Eyes full of laughter, neck and shoulders bare, / A thin slip of a girl, like a new moon,

_____A girl_____ (is / are) being compared to _____a new moon_____

In literal language this means...
This means that the girl is very skinny.

1. Talk of your cold, through the parka's fold it stabbed like a driven nail.

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

2. But now her hands like moonlight brush the keys with velvet grace

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

3. Dawn breaks open like a wound that bleeds afresh

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

4. Like winged stars the fire-flies flash and glance, pale in the open moonshine,

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

5. My thoughts fly out like scattered strands of thread, and on the verge of sleep—
Still half awake--I dream and yawn.

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

6. The robins stand as thick today as flakes of snow stood yesterday.

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

7. Men scarcely know how beautiful fire is-- / Each flame of it is as a precious stone
Dissolved in ever-moving light, and this / Belongs to each and all who gaze upon.

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

8. I dream of silent verses where the rhyme glides noiseless as an oar.

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

9. The lowered lamps glow in the midnight air like mammoth orange-moths that flit and flare
   Through the dark tapestry of night.

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...

10. The music changes like prismatic glass, giving the world a glimpse of all the colors it forgets.

_____ (is / are) being compared to _____

In literal language this means...