

JULIUS CAESAR: ACT 2
YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6
LANGUAGE EXERCISE: SIMILES AND METAPHORS

A metaphor is a word or a phrase used to describe something as if it were something else:
For example, "A wave of anger washed over him." The anger isn't actually a wave, but a wave is a good way of describing the feeling.
"Cassius is a snake." Cassius is not a snake, but it's a way to explain his personality; he's sneaky and crafty.

A simile describes something by **comparing it to something else**, using like or as:
The snake moved **like** a ripple on a pond.
It was **as slippery as** an eel.
Cassius is **as sneaky as a snake**

TASK:

REWRITE/ADD TO EACH SENTENCE BELOW TURNING IT INTO A METAPHOR OR SIMILE

1. Brutus told Portia that he wasn't feeling well

2. His voice was deep.

3. Cassius is cunning.

4. It was dark outside.

5. Lucius ran.

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ANSWERS

You could have lots of different answers but below are some examples.

1. Brutus told Portia he wasn't feeling well.

Fast as lightning. Brutus told Portia he wasn't feeling well.
SIMILIE

2. His voice was deep.

His voice was as deep as the sea.
SIMILIE

3. Cassius is cunning.

Cassius is a cunning fox
METAPHOR

4. It was dark outside.

It was as dark as coal outside.
SIMILIE

5. Lucius ran.

Lucius ran like the wind.
SIMILIE