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**Vocabulary Strategy**

# SIMILES AS CONTEXT CLUES

When writers want to compare two things, they sometimes use similes. **Similes** are comparisons that use the words *like* or *as*. Similes can also give you context clues to help you figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words.

***Directions:*** Use the simile in each sentence as a context clue to help you define the boldfaced word.

**1.** Lee’s temper was as **explosive** as a volcano.

**2.** John said, “Your brain is as **dense** as a brick if you do not understand what I am saying.”

**3.** Kerry is as **agile** as a monkey; she is the star of the gymnastics team.

**4.** Amber, who is as **cunning** as a fox, tricked her classmates into believing her story.

**5.** The mansion was **illuminated** like a jack-o’-lantern’s face on Halloween night.

**6.** After the long hike, Juan went to sleep like a **hibernating** bear.

**7.** The baby was like an **octopus,** grabbing at all the boxes on the toy shop’s shelves.

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**Answer** **Key**

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*Responses will vary. Possible answers are provided.*

**1.** volatile, forceful, wild

**2.** compact, compressed, thick, substantial

**3.** nimble, limber, athletic

**4.** devious, crafty, tricky

**5.** glowing

**6.** sleep, idleness, slumber

**7.** a mollusk having eight tentacles