Analogy in Literature Examples

- 1. "Life is like a box of chocolates," as Forrest Gump famously said, you never know what you're going to get.
- 2. In Shakespeare's "As You Like It," "All the world's a stage," comparing life to a play.
- 3. "A dream is like a river," ever-changing as it flows, as conveyed in the song by Garth Brooks.
- 4. "Her eyes were like stars," not because of their brightness, but because they held a story within them.
- 5. "Hope is the thing with feathers," as Emily Dickinson wrote, likening it to a bird that perches in the soul.
- 6. "Memory is like a diary," suggested Oscar Wilde, that we all carry about with us.
- 7. "Books are the mirrors of the soul," Virginia Woolf penned, reflecting our innermost thoughts.
- 8. "A conscience is like a baby," it has to go to sleep before you can.
- 9. "Society is like a stew," if you don't stir it up every once in a while then a layer of scum floats to the top.
- 10. "Time is a dressmaker," specializing in alterations, a line from Faith Baldwin's works.
- 11. "Justice is like a train," it's nearly always late, as observed by Yevgeny Yevtushenko.
- 12. "A good laugh is like sunshine in a house," spreading light and warmth in all directions.
- 13. "Our lives are like quilts," bits and pieces, joy and sorrow, stitched with love.

- 14. "A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes," Mark Twain remarked, comparing the spread of falsehoods to the sluggish pace of truth.
- 15. "Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom," as George Washington Carver put it, likening learning to a key that opens opportunities.
- 16. "Love is like a virus," it can happen to anybody at any time, Maya Angelou mused.
- 17. "Ideas are like rabbits," John Steinbeck wrote, you get a couple and learn how to handle them, and pretty soon you have a dozen.
- 18. "A person's mind is like a garden," which can be intelligently cultivated or allowed to run wild.
- 19. "Guilt is like a bag of bricks," all you have to do is set it down.
- 20. "A business is like a tree," it grows up, it grows out, and it grows old.
- 21. "War is like a game of chess," with nations as players and strategy as the key to victory.
- 22. "A teacher is like a candle," it consumes itself to light the way for others.
- 23. "A book is like a garden," carried in the pocket, offering an escape to different worlds.
- 24. "Friendship is like a glass ornament," once it is broken it can rarely be put back together exactly the same way.
- 25. "A politician should have three hats," one for throwing into the ring, one for talking through, and one for pulling rabbits out of if elected.
- 26. "A good book is like a good friend," it will stay with you for the rest of your life.
- 27. "Laughter is like a windshield wiper," it doesn't stop the rain but allows us to keep going.
- 28. "A novel is like a bow," and the violin that produces the sound is the reader's soul.
- 29. "A child's innocence is like a piece of chalk," each day a little bit is rubbed off.

- 30. "A leader is like a shepherd," he stays behind the flock, letting the most nimble go out ahead, whereupon the others follow.
- 31. "Change is like a butterfly," a transformation that reveals the true beauty of what can be.
- 32. "Fear is like a shadow," it may loom large, yet it's something that can't actually harm you.
- 33. "A good conversation is like a miniskirt," short enough to retain interest, but long enough to cover the subject.
- 34. "Trust is like an eraser," it gets smaller and smaller after every mistake.
- 35. "Life is like an onion," you peel it off one layer at a time, and sometimes you weep.
- 36. "A person's character is like a fence," it cannot be strengthened by whitewash.
- 37. "Grief is like the ocean," it comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it is overwhelming.
- 38." A hero is like a teabag," you can't tell how strong they are until you put them in hot water.
- 39. "A journey is like a person," no two are alike, and all plans, safeguards, policing, and coercion are fruitless.
- 40."Wisdom is like a baobab tree," no one individual can embrace it.
- 41. "A debate is like a fencing match," you must think quickly, keep on your feet, and always be on the defensive.
- 42. "A good teacher is like a good entertainer," first, they must hold their audience's attention, then they can teach their lesson.
- 43. "A mystery is like a tangled necklace," it must be approached with patience.
- 44. "A promise is like a snowball," it's easy to make but hard to keep.
- 45. "A secret is like a dove," when it leaves your hand it takes wing.
- 46. "Success is like reaching an important birthday," and finding you're exactly the same.

- 47. "A smile is like a sim card," and love is like a cellphone, whenever you insert the sim card of a smile, a beautiful day is activated.
- 48. "A good marriage is like a casserole," only those responsible for it really know what goes in it.
- 49. "Anger is like a stone thrown into a wasp's nest," provoking immediate and chaotic reaction.
- 50. "A writer is like a magician," they create illusions with the sleight of hand on a keyboard.
- 51. "Curiosity is like a restless wind," it stirs the branches of thought and shakes loose new ideas.
- 52. "A good friend is like a four-leaf clover," hard to find and lucky to have.
- 53. "A rumor is like a check," it has to be endorsed to make it valid.
- 54. "A goal without a plan is like a ship without a compass," directionless and destined to never reach its destination.
- 55. "A library is like an island in the middle of a vast sea of ignorance," particularly if the library is very tall and the surrounding area has been flooded.
- 56. "A meeting is like a roundabout," a lot of activity but no forward progress.
- 57. "A good listener is like a detective," they listen to the story, look for clues, and solve the problem.
- 58. "A decision is like a sharp knife," it cuts clean and straight and leaves no ragged edges.
- 59. "An idea is like a play," it needs a good producer and a good promoter even if it is a masterpiece.
- 60." A challenge is like a dragon with a gift in its mouth," tame the dragon and the gift is yours.
- 61. "A teacher's influence is like a ripple in water," it spreads far beyond the initial impact.
- 62. "A great book is like a great mind," it keeps on giving over and over and never runs dry.
- 63. "A person's life is like a piece of paper," on which every passerby leaves a mark.

- 64. "A garden is like a relationship," it requires patient labor and attention.
- 65. "A good leader is like a lighthouse," they don't ring bells or fire guns to call attention to their shining—they just shine.
- 66. "A negotiation is like a raft on the water," it doesn't sink because of the water around it, but because of the water that gets in it.
- 67. "A team is like a toolset," not every tool is used in every situation, but every tool is vital.
- 68. "A memory is like a treasure chest," the more you add to it, the richer it becomes.
- 69. "A novel is like a bridge," it takes you to places you've never been before.
- 70. "A good joke is like a good meal," it's satisfying and leaves you wanting more.
- 71. "A question is like a door," knock, and it shall be opened to new knowledge.
- 72. "A good speech is like a pencil," it has to have a point.
- 73. "A person's will is like a blade of grass," it bends in the wind but doesn't break.
- 74. "A word of kindness is like a spring day," it warms the heart and nurtures the soul.
- 75. "A good leader is like a gardener," they cultivate the team, knowing that the most beautiful flowers bloom after the hardest storms.
- 76. "A story is like a tapestry," woven from threads of character, setting, and plot.
- 77. "A good argument is like a diamond," it's valuable, it's strong, and it can cut through misunderstanding.
- 78. "A person's potential is like a vast ocean," it's deep, it's broad, and it's full of treasures yet to be discovered.
- 79. "A good teacher is like a good artist," they go beyond the textbook to create masterpieces in the minds of their students.
- 80." A life well-lived is like a beautiful melody," it may have high notes and low notes, but it's always a song worth singing.

- 81. "A debate is like a symphony," each participant must play their part harmoniously, even during a crescendo of differing opinions.
- 82. "A breakthrough is like a mountain peak," hard to reach but offering the clearest view.
- 83. "A good book is like a telescope," it allows you to see far beyond your own world.
- 84. "A person's resolve is like a building's foundation," unseen but essential for withstanding the challenges of time.
- 85. "A leader's words are like seeds," once planted, they can grow into movements that change the world.
- 86. "A community is like a tapestry," diverse threads woven together to create a single, unified picture.
- 87. "A well-told joke is like a lightning bolt," it illuminates a truth and electrifies the room.
- 88." A person's integrity is like a tree," it grows slowly, but can stand strong for generations.
- 89. "A good mentor is like a lighthouse," providing guidance and safe passage through the rocky shores of life's challenges.
- 90. "A crisis is like a storm," it tests the strength of all structures, be they buildings or character.
- 91. "A person's courage is like a wildflower," it can bloom in the most unexpected places.
- 92. "A good story is like a labyrinth," with twists and turns that captivate and lead you to a place you never expected.
- 93. "A person's thoughts are like water," they can flow smoothly, crash wildly, or freeze with cold.
- 94. "A friendship is like a book," it takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
- 95. "A person's life is like a canvas," every action is a stroke of paint, and every day is a chance to create a masterpiece.

- 96. "A good leader is like a conductor," they don't play any instruments, but they guide others to create harmony.
- 97. "A person's youth is like a morning dew," fresh and fleeting, soon to be warmed away by the rising sun.
- 98. "A good conversation is like a game of tennis," it requires quick back-and-forth exchanges, and the goal is not to win but to keep the ball in play.
- 99. "A person's patience is like a fortress," it may feel besieged at times, but it can protect them from rash actions.
- 100. "A life-changing decision is like a fork in the road," it demands pause, consideration, and ultimately, the courage to take a step forward into the unknown.

Copyright @ Examples.com