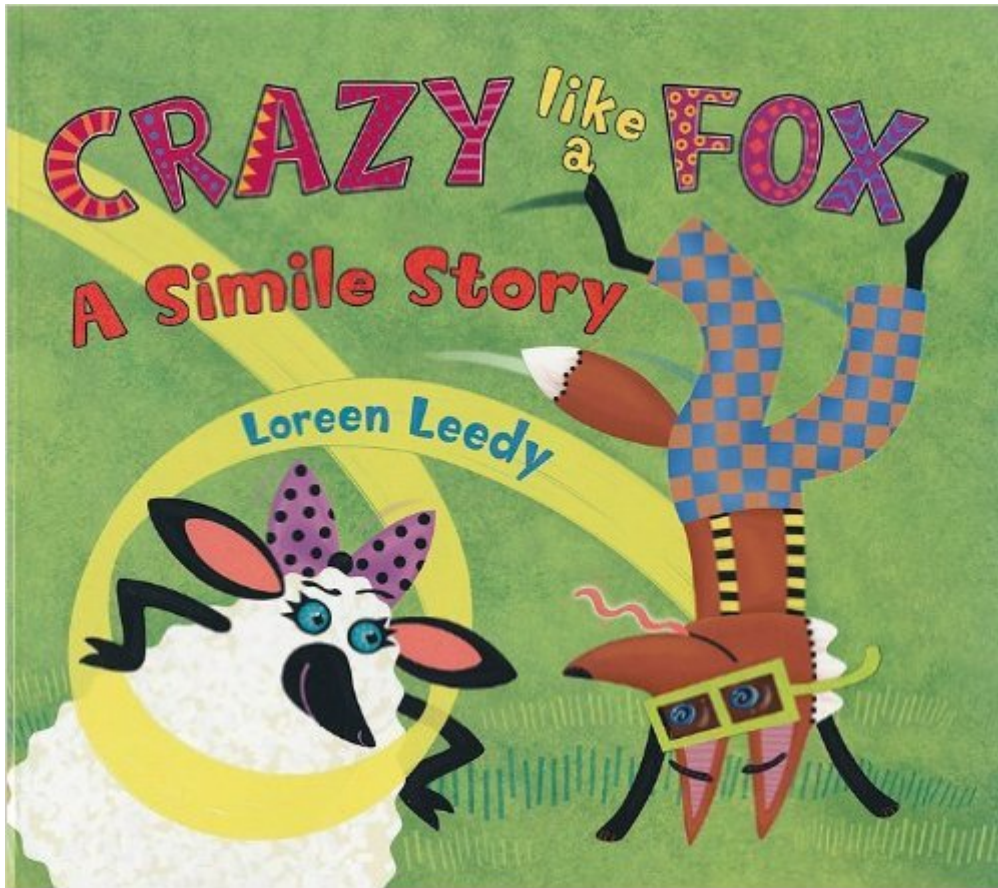


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# Crazy Like A Fox: A Simile Story



## Synopsis

Similes set off an exciting chase scene in an adventure in language arts. Rufus the fox is up to something. He runs across the meadow as fast as lightning, sneaks up to Babette like a thief in the night, and roars like a lion. Babette, mad as a hornet, chases Rufus all over town. But is Rufus being chased or is he actually leading Babette to a surprise destination? Rufus sure is crazy--crazy like a fox! Sure to make the reader as happy as a clam, this bright simile story also includes a clear explanation of similes and shows how to include similes in a story.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I am an elementary school teacher and have been teaching similes for years, but never so successfully as I have since buying this book. The kids really love it! The cartoonish pictures are humorous and give kids a visual to remember each simile. Reading this book helps build vocabulary and descriptive language. I had to explain some of the similes but the kids loved it so much they begged to read it on their own during silent reading. Toward the end of the year, some students even started using similes when writing their creative stories. This is one of the best educational books ever and I wish I would have found it years ago.

This book is about a fox named Rufus and a sheep named Babette, who Rufus is chasing, yet who is catching whom?Cleverly written, this story follows the tale of two critters with many encounters

and a surprise ending. My son gives it his Third Grader's Seal of Approval as he says he learned many expressions while laughing all the way. Excellent for story time as well as independent reading, with great artistic pictures, this is a gift-worthy book.

This book lends itself to enhancing students' knowledge and skills in using figurative language. The colorful pictures attract my second language learners, who are also from low socio-economic communities, with limited background knowledge. My students love the book, and often ask me if they could borrow it. The first couple of weeks I took the book to my class, I encouraged them to read in pairs so one of them could guess the phrase on the next page. When I read the book to my five year old son, he just couldn't have enough. For a couple of days he read it aloud several times, carrying it all around the house. My son and students feel validated whenever they guess the right word or phrases that complete the simile. I am actually thinking of buying more copies to distribute to kids.

It really helped my students understand the difference between a metaphor and a simile (I also used You're Toast). While I didn't find it as effective as "You're Toast, it conveyed the idea. Add Love That Dog + Hate That Cat (Sharon Creech) and you'll have your kiddos finding literary devices in their own independent reading.

This story is hard to read, due to the way the simile starts on one page, then has MANY interruptions by other similes, then after the page turns, the simile is concluded. It is hard to follow the main story line, especially for children who are big enough to read for themselves, but too little to sort out the order of the main story. We prefer the book "My Dog is as Smelly as Dirty Socks" by Hanoch Piven.

This book is fantastic for teaching similes. I highly recommend having the students study the pattern in the book and then attempt their own (they could even work with a partner/small group). Very cute!

My four year old daughter loves this book. As another reviewer said, the text can be hard to read because 1 simile starts, then the page is filled with other similes in small text, and then the first simile finishes on the next page. I've found reading it is more enjoyable for me if I read the similes in small text first, then read the simile in the large text all at once. The pictures are really wonderful and show the animal changing with each simile. For example "as noisy as a herd of elephants" is paired

with a lot of animals drawn with elephant trunks. The book has also inspired my daughter to invent her own similes, so it's very educational.

So much is going on in this book. We've started with just reading the main line on each page. Then periodically reading some of the other lines on the pages. Sometimes we just flip through and look at the pictures. My 4 and 2 yr old enjoy it.

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