

**Worksheet 1. The Use of Similes in *Things Fall Apart***

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Directions: Read the similes below. Explain the meaning behind each comparison.

Simile	Meaning
Okonkwo's fame had grown like a bush-fire in the harmattan.	
[Fending for his father's house] was like pouring grains of corn into a bag full of holes.	
The earth burned like hot coals and roasted all the yams that had been sown.	
The drummers took up their sticks and the air shivered and grew tense like a tightened bow.	
He grew rapidly like a yam tendril in the rainy season.	
...something seemed to give way inside him, like the snapping of a tightened bow.	
[Okonkwo] drank palm-wine from morning till night, and his eyes were red and fierce like the eyes of a rat when it was caught by the tail and dashed against the floor.	
He felt like a drunken giant walking with the limbs of a mosquito.	
Ezinma bubbled with energy like fresh palm-wine.	
"Agbala do-o-o-o! Agbala ekeneo-o-o-o-o," came the voice like a sharp knife cutting through the night.	