

## 2.1 Comparisons

### Warming up!

#### Chit-Chat

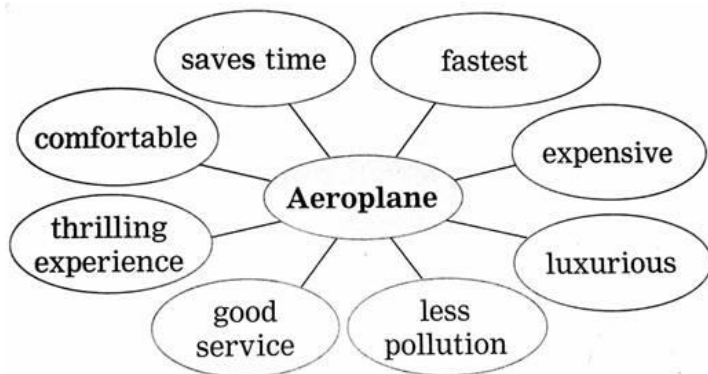
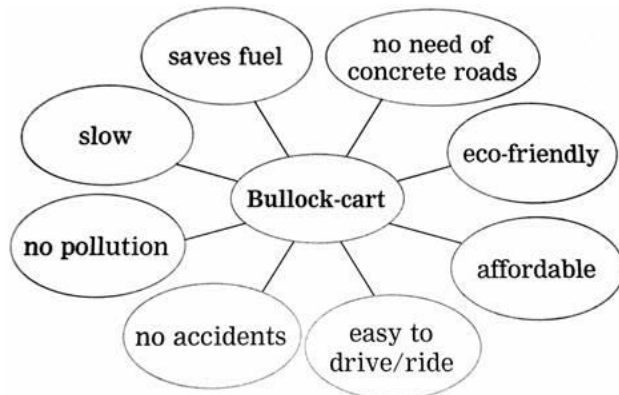
- What is your favourite colour? What does it remind you of?
- Are you afraid of the dark? What does it make you think of?
- If you were asked to design a big garden, what will you include in it?

**Ans.** It is always beneficial to add some flower plants in the garden design. Along with this, we need to include beautiful plants and valuable trees. The herbal plants are also important because they aid people to get a fresh air.

### Expanding Word Webs

**Form pairs. List the names of as many vehicles as you can. Choose any two of them, but they must be of different types. Then draw a word web for each of them to show their appearance, qualities and the things that these features remind you of. You may use words as well as phrases in the web.**

**Ans.**



**Describe your dream vehicle in a few lines:**

**Ans.** Flying car is my dream vehicle. It will fly in the air. It will fly fast and save our time. There will be no traffic jam problem. No need to construct roads for it. It will save fuel and will be eco-friendly.

### **ENGLISH WORKSHOP**

**1. List all the adjectives in the poem. Use the comparative forms of at least 8 of them to write new comparisons. Two of them have been given as examples.**

**Ans. (1)** (a) faster than the wind  
(b) slower than a tortoise

**(2)** (a) bigger than my brother  
(b) smaller than my sister

**(3)** (a) fiercer than a giant  
(b) gentler than a butler

**(4)** (a) cooler than ice  
(b) warmer than a sweater

**(5)** (a) sourer than tamarind  
(b) sweeter than mango

**(6)** (a) noisier than a machine  
(b) quieter than a cave.

**(7)** (a) stronger than a tiger  
(b) weaker than a rabbit

**(8)** (a) taller than a tree  
(b) shorter than plant

**(9)** (a) darker than night  
(b) lighter than tubelight

**(10)** (a) harder than a stone  
(b) softer than butter

**(11)** (a) crooked than hillroad  
(b) straighter than a railway line

**2. List all the nouns in the poem. Find a suitable adjective other than the ones given here - for each of the nouns and write meaningful similes for at least 8 of them. For example, as yellow as a lemon.**

**Ans.** (1) as useful as ore  
(2) as lovely as a kitten  
(3) as stable as a rock  
(4) as warm as a mitten  
(5) as narrow as tunnel  
(6) as cute as an elf  
(7) as tricky as a mountain path  
(8) as safe as shelf

**3. Form groups of 6-8. Think of similes using different objects, for example,**

• **Dry as land**

• **Wet as a puddle.**

**Now try to put together the similes to make a poem with rhyming lines.**

**Ans.** Do it your own

**4. Write the pairs of rhyming words.**

**Ans.** (1) kitten - mitten  
(2) moon - noon  
(3) elf - shelf  
(4) shelf - yourself.

**5. Start a collection of idioms with comparisons. Use the following categories.**

**(a) idioms with colours :**

(1) as black as coal  
(2) as white as snow  
(3) as red as blood  
(4) as blue as the sky  
(5) as green as an emerald  
(6) as pink as a rose  
(7) as yellow as gold  
(8) as orange as a pumpkin  
(9) as brown as a coffee bean

**(b) Idioms with animals:**

(1) as cunning as a fox  
(2) as brave as a lion  
(3) as hairy as a gorilla  
(4) as hungry as a horse

**(c) Idioms with objects:**

(1) as black as coal

(2) as soft as butter

(3) as light as cotton

**6. Given below are some idiomatic comparisons with 'like'. Can you guess their meaning? Look them up in a good dictionary. You won't find them under 'like'. Which words will you look up to find these comparisons?**

- Like a bull in a china shop (Here, china means delicate articles of porcelain)
- Like a cat on a hot tin roof.
- Like a red rag to a bull.
- Like a cat that stole the cream.
- Like water off a duck's back.
- Memory like a sieve.

**Using your imagination write more comparisons using 'like'.**

**Ans. Example:-** before them like the inside of a long spy-glass, and the floor became a long level.

1. The sun is like a golden ring tossed into a clear sky
2. The sun is like warm butter melting a toast
3. Her face was like a runaway horse
4. Ella's eyes gleamed like pearls