

## HAVE FUN WITH SIMILES

A SIMILE COMPARES TWO THINGS USING THE WORDS "LIKE" OR "AS" . . .

*\*The thunder was as loud as a giant stomping across the sky.*

*\*A winter without snow is like a rainbow without colors.*

First, read *The Blizzard Wizard* aloud and pause before finishing each simile in the story to see what words kids come up with to complete it. There's not just one right answer. Then after reading *The Blizzard Wizard*, challenge kids to find all the similes in the story and make a list of them.

Make an on-going class list of similes. On chart paper, write similes that students find in books, that they hear others say, and that they create themselves.

Have students finish open-ended similes, such as these below—trying to think of as many comparisons as possible. Encourage them to avoid clichés, such as "black as night" (tell them that's been said hundreds of times), but rather to think of new, fresh comparisons, such as "black as the dirt under a fingernail" or "black as a black bear cub rolling in blackberries."

*It's as red as* \_\_\_\_\_.

*It was slippery like* \_\_\_\_\_.

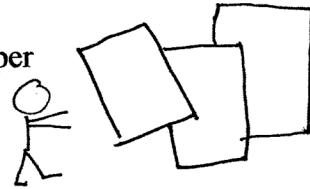
*She ran fast like* \_\_\_\_\_.

*The rock was as sharp as* \_\_\_\_\_.

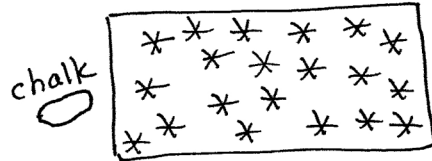
*The water felt cold like* \_\_\_\_\_.

## MAKING BLIZZARD WIZARD HATS

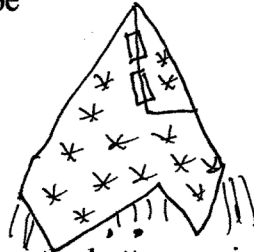
1. Choose a piece of 12 X 18 construction paper



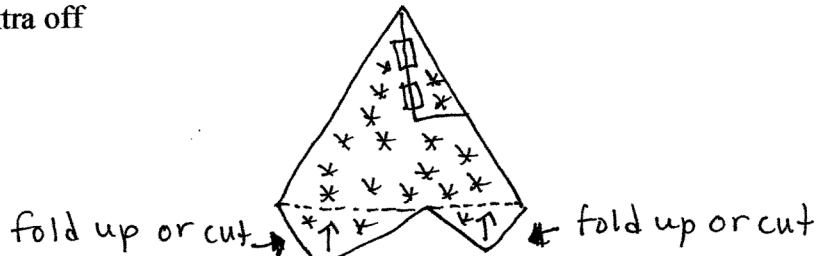
2. Draw chalk snowflakes all over ONE-side of the paper



3. Shape the paper into a cone that will fit your head & tape or staple it to hold the shape



4. Fold the extra paper on the bottom up inside the hat or cut the extra off

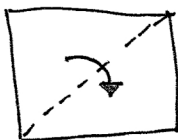


5. Voila! Wear your Blizzard Wizard hat. Can you make snow magically appear?

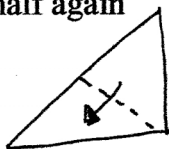


## MAKING SNOWFLAKES FROM SQUARE PAPER

1. Fold square paper in half on the diagonal to make a triangle



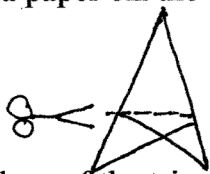
2. Fold paper in half again



3. Fold paper in thirds—one side to the front and one side to the back



4. Cut the extra paper off the bottom of the triangle



5. Along the edges of the triangle, cut out interesting designs—circles, triangles, squares, squiggles—whatever!



6. Unfold the triangle to reveal a SNOWFLAKE!

