

# Literary Analogy Examples

1. **"The world is a stage and all the men and women merely players."** - William Shakespeare, "As You Like It"
2. **"Reason is to imagination as the instrument to the agent, as the body to the spirit, as the shadow to the substance."** - Percy Bysshe Shelley, "A Defence of Poetry"
3. **"Books are the mirrors of the soul."** - Virginia Woolf, "Between the Acts"
4. **"Memory is to love what the saucer is to the cup."** - Elizabeth Bowen, "The House in Paris"
5. **"A good book is like a good friend. It will stay with you for the rest of your life."** - Charles Dickens
6. **"Conscience is a man's compass."** - Vincent Van Gogh
7. **"Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul."** - Emily Dickinson
8. **"All our words are but crumbs that fall down from the feast of the mind."** - Khalil Gibran
9. **"A dream is a scripture, and many scriptures are nothing but dreams."** - Umberto Eco, "The Name of the Rose"
10. **"Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player that struts and frets his hour upon the stage."** - William Shakespeare, "Macbeth"
11. **"Anger was washed away in the river along with any obligation."** - Ernest Hemingway, "A Farewell to Arms"
12. **"Ideas are to literature what light is to painting."** - Paul Bourget
13. **"History is a nightmare from which I am trying to awake."** - James Joyce, "Ulysses"

14. **"My love is like a red, red rose that's newly sprung in June."** - Robert Burns, "A Red, Red Rose"
15. **"He was as solitary as an oyster."** - Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol"
16. **"The very essence of romance is uncertainty."** - Oscar Wilde, "The Importance of Being Earnest"
17. **"Her laughter, a cascade of notes, tumbled in the air."** - Arundhati Roy, "The God of Small Things"
18. **"Men's words are bullets that their enemies take up and make use of against them."** - George Savile, Marquess of Halifax
19. **"Our words are but crumbs that fall down from the feast of the mind."** - Khalil Gibran
20. **"Silence was not a lack of words: a dense, a hidden mass of thoughts, where the most dissimilar were huddled together."** - Jean-Paul Sartre, "Nausea"
21. **"In the room the women come and go talking of Michelangelo."** - T.S. Eliot, "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"
22. **"Memory is a crazy woman that hoards colored rags and throws away food."** - Austin O'Malley
23. **"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."** - Edward Abbey
24. **"The news of my death is greatly exaggerated."** - Mark Twain
25. **"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."** - Winston Churchill
26. **"A poet could not but be gay, in such a jocund company."** - William Wordsworth, "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud"
27. **"Love is an endless mystery, for it has nothing else to explain it."** - Rabindranath Tagore
28. **"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."** - Albert Einstein
29. **"A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle."** - Gloria Steinem

30. **"Education is the movement from darkness to light."** - Allan Bloom
31. **"Life is like a ten-speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use."** - Charles M. Schulz
32. **"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgement that something else is more important than fear."** - Ambrose Redmoon
33. **"The soul unto itself is an imperial friend."** - Emily Dickinson
34. **"Laughter is sunshine, it chases winter from the human face."** - Victor Hugo, "Les Misérables"
35. **"A good book is an event in my life."** - Stendhal, "The Red and the Black"
36. **"He was like a cock who thought the sun had risen to hear him crow."** - George Eliot, "Adam Bede"
37. **"The heart of a man is very much like the sea, it has its storms, it has its tides and in its depths it has its pearls too."** - Vincent van Gogh
38. **"A room without books is like a body without a soul."** - Marcus Tullius Cicero
39. **"Power is like being a lady... if you have to tell people you are, you aren't."** - Margaret Thatcher
40. **"A man's mind is stretched by a new idea or sensation, and never shrinks back to its former dimensions."** - Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.
41. **"The human mind is like a parachute; it works best when it is opened."** - Terry Pratchett
42. **"Pride is like a wonderful, terrible thing, a seed that bears two vines, life and death."** - Maya Angelou, "The Heart of a Woman"
43. **"Happiness is like a butterfly which, when pursued, is always beyond our grasp, but, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you."** - Nathaniel Hawthorne
44. **"A good conscience is a continual Christmas."** - Benjamin Franklin
45. **"Truth is like the sun. You can shut it out for a time, but it ain't goin' away."** - Elvis Presley
46. **"A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes."** - Charles Spurgeon

47. **"Wit is the salt of conversation, not the food."** - William Hazlitt
48. **"A poet's work is to name the unnameable, to point at frauds, to take sides, start arguments, shape the world, and stop it going to sleep."** - Salman Rushdie
49. **"The road to hell is paved with adverbs."** - Stephen King
50. **"A classic is a book that has never finished saying what it has to say."** - Italo Calvino, "The Uses of Literature"
51. **"Knowledge is a garden; if it is not cultivated, it cannot be harvested."** - African Proverb
52. **"Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get."** - Forrest Gump, by Winston Groom
53. **"Time is the longest distance between two places."** - Tennessee Williams, "The Glass Menagerie"
54. **"Marriage is like a fortress besieged; those who are outside want to get in, and those who are inside want to get out."** - Arabian Proverb
55. **"To lose one parent may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose both looks like carelessness."** - Oscar Wilde, "The Importance of Being Earnest"
56. **"A first book has some of the sweetness of a first love."** - Robert Aris Willmott
57. **"A good laugh is sunshine in the house."** - William Makepeace Thackeray
58. **"The voice of the sea speaks to the soul."** - Kate Chopin, "The Awakening"
59. **"Ideas are like rabbits. You get a couple and learn how to handle them, and pretty soon you have a dozen."** - John Steinbeck
60. **"A person's a person, no matter how small."** - Dr. Seuss, "Horton Hears a Who!"
61. **"Conscience is a man's compass."** - Vincent Van Gogh
62. **"Books are mirrors: you only see in them what you already have inside you."** - Carlos Ruiz Zafón, "The Shadow of the Wind"
63. **"Love is an ice cream sundae, with all the marvelous coverings. Sex is the cherry on top."** - Jimmy Dean

64. **"A dream you dream alone is only a dream. A dream you dream together is reality."** - John Lennon
65. **"Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don't resist them; that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality."** - Lao Tzu
66. **"The world is a stage, but the play is badly cast."** - Oscar Wilde
67. **"Logic is the anatomy of thought."** - John Locke
68. **"Life is like a camera. Just focus on what's important, capture the good times, develop from the negatives, and if things don't work out, take another shot."** - Unknown
69. **"Anxiety is the dizziness of freedom."** - Søren Kierkegaard
70. **"A person often meets his destiny on the road he took to avoid it."** - Jean de La Fontaine
71. **"History is a cyclic poem written by time upon the memories of man."** - Percy Bysshe Shelley
72. **"The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled."** - Plutarch
73. **"A good book is an event in my life."** - Stendhal
74. **"Life is a dream for the wise, a game for the fool, a comedy for the rich, a tragedy for the poor."** - Sholom Aleichem
75. **"Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul."** - Emily Dickinson
76. **"A person's fears are lighter when the danger is at hand."** - Seneca the Younger
77. **"The art of writing is the art of discovering what you believe."** - Gustave Flaubert
78. **"A great book should leave you with many experiences, and slightly exhausted at the end. You live several lives while reading."** - William Styron
79. **"Life is like an onion: You peel it off one layer at a time, and sometimes you weep."** - Carl Sandburg

80. **"Children are like wet cement: whatever falls on them makes an impression."** - Haim Ginott
81. **"Memory is a crazy woman that hoards colored rags and throws away food."** - Austin O'Malley
82. **"Ideas are like pizza dough, made to be tossed around."** - Anna Quindlen
83. **"A good decision is like a right turn, it takes you to the place you want to go."** - Richard Rorty
84. **"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."** - Albert Einstein
85. **"Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel."** - Socrates
86. **"A poet is, before anything else, a person who is passionately in love with language."** - W. H. Auden
87. **"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."** - Martin Luther King Jr.
88. **"A smile is the universal welcome."** - Max Eastman
89. **"A word after a word after a word is power."** - Margaret Atwood
90. **"Life is like a mirror. Smile at it and it smiles back at you."** - Peace Pilgrim
91. **"Courage is grace under pressure."** - Ernest Hemingway
92. **"Love is like the wind, you can't see it but you can feel it."** - Nicholas Sparks, "A Walk to Remember"
93. **"Our lives are like a candle in the wind."** - Carl Sandburg
94. **"Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet."** - Jean-Jacques Rousseau
95. **"Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face."** - Victor Hugo
96. **"Freedom is nothing but a chance to be better."** - Albert Camus
97. **"Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk."** - Doug Larson
98. **"The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing."** - Socrates

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