

Simile 2

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1. Parenthetical introduction

Hence it is that human experience, like the stern-lights of a ship at sea, illumines only the path which we have passed over.

2. To strengthen a modifier

Life is as tedious as a twice-told tale vexing the dull ear of a drowsy man.

3. Nouns

But I may as well tell you that I can find nothing the matter with Mr. Merdle. He has the constitution of a rhinoceros, the digestion of an ostrich, and the concentration of an oyster.

4. The comparison comes first

Suspense + emphasis + more conspicuous

Like a rejected lover making merry at the wedding of his rival, the president felicitates himself hugely over the late Presidential election.

5. Separate sentence

Who in the rainbow can draw the line where the violet tint ends and the orange tint begins? Distinctly we see the difference of the colors, but where exactly does the one first blindingly enter into the other? So with sanity and insanity.

6. Homeric simile

As a lion or wild boar turns fiercely on the dogs and men that attack him, while these form a solid wall and shower their javelins as they face him—his courage is all undaunted, but his high spirit will be the death of him; many a time does he charge at his pursuers to scatter them, and they fall back as often as he does do—even so did Hector go about among the host exhorting his men, and

cheering them on to cross the trench.