

Warm Up

In today's scene, a talk show host says, *You popped up out of nowhere on our screens **like a tornado**.*

The talk show host is using a simile to talk about how Sue entered the lives of many people. A simile is a tool that uses the word **like** to compare two things. In this case, those things are Sue's appearance on TV and a tornado. Tornadoes are strong and powerful. So, if Sue's TV appearance was like a tornado, it means that her entrance was strong and powerful.

The talk show host could have said, *You popped up out of nowhere on our screens in a very strong and powerful way* but using the simile **like a tornado** is more effective when it comes to showing listeners how strong and powerful Sue's entrance into showbiz actually was.

Activity

With a partner, think of various similes to complete all or some of the following sentences.

Examples

He walked into the job interview like (a deer in headlights).

(a kid in a candy shop).

(he already had the job).

(a turtle without its shell).

(a fish out of water).

(an overflowing river).

Sentences

1. The argument spread through the room like ...
2. The answer came to him like ...
3. The story ended like ...
4. She waited for the news like ...
5. The protestors marched forward like ...
6. His laugh sounded like ...
7. The car moved through traffic like ...
8. The old man's hands shook like ...
9. The room warmed up like ...
10. Her voice cut through the noise like ...

Useful Expression

In today's scene Sue says, *In a way, I grew up with her*. In this sentence, 'her' means Elizabeth Sparkle. Since growing up means developing from a child into an adult, Sue is saying that Elizabeth was a part of her life when she was a child and a teenager.

This expression refers to a person's formative years (from youth through adolescence) and the people and things that were a part of those years.

Activity

With a partner, read the following sentences and make changes to them so that they are about you.

Examples

I grew up with two older brothers who loved sports.

- I grew up with two younger brothers, one that loved skateboarding, and another that loved playing guitar.
- I didn't grow up with any brothers.

Sentences

1. I grew up with the ocean just a few minutes from my house.
2. I grew up with strict rules about manners and respect.
3. I grew up with bands like SMAP and ARASHI.
4. I grew up with my grandparents, so family traditions were very important to me.
5. I grew up with board games, puzzles, and coloring books.
6. I grew up with the belief that honesty is important.
7. I grew up with home-cooked meals every evening.
8. I grew up with a lot of pressure placed on me to be successful.

Today's Scene

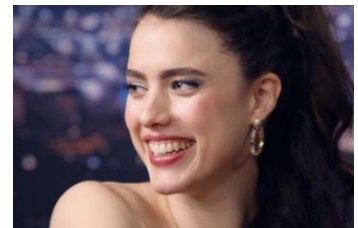
After taking the "Substance", the cells of Elizabeth's body begin dividing and creating Sue, a younger version of Elizabeth. Once fully formed, Sue claws her way out of Elizabeth's body like a malting insect (think dragonfly, cicada, praying mantis).

To stay young and healthy, Sue needs to inject herself with the spinal fluid of Elizabeth. Unfortunately for Sue, Elizabeth cannot regenerate her spinal fluid unless she is given seven full days to wake up and live her life. As explained in the scene from Lesson One, one week for Sue and one week for Elizabeth.

If Sue uses eight days and gives Elizabeth six days, this breaks the balance, and Elizabeth suddenly ages very quickly.

In today's scene, Elizabeth, who has become a recluse because of how much she has aged, is watching a recorded interview of Sue on a national talk show. Everything about Sue (from her appearance to her persona to the answers that she gives her interviewer) seems to annoy Elizabeth.

Let's watch today's scene and find out how Elizabeth responds to Sue's sudden fame.



Dialogue

In today's dialogue, there are three characters, Sue, Elizabeth, and the talk show host. One person can play the role of Sue, and the other person can play the roles of Elizabeth and the talk show host. If you are Elizabeth, do your best to mimic the way that Demi Moore talks in the movie. Be cynical. Be spiteful. Speak in a mocking way. Then quickly change to the cheerful, energetic tone of the talk show host.

Conversation

In today's scene, Sue says, *But **ever since I can remember**, it has always been my dream to be on screen.*

This is one way to say that you have been doing something for a very long time, ever since you were much younger. In other words, you can't remember a time when it wasn't so.

Today, tell your partner about something you have done, liked, wanted, dreamt of, or been interested in for as long as you can remember.

Examples:

- I play the piano. I have played it ever since I can remember. I didn't like playing it when I was younger, but now that I'm older, I'm very happy my parents made me do it.
- My favorite picture is a family portrait of me, my mom, and my dad. It was taken before my brothers were born. I've had it hanging in my room ever since I can remember.