Simile or Metaphor?

A metaphor compares two different things, usually with the word “is.” A simile also compares two different things but uses words such as “like” or “as.” Look at each of the following sentences and answer the questions below.

Example: Our class is a buzzing beehive today.

This is a: **metaphor**

(simile/metaphor)

This means:

A) Our class is especially busy today.
B) A bee got into our classroom.

1. The assembly was like watching grass grow.

This is a: ________________

(simile/metaphor)

This means:

A) Not very much happened at the assembly.
B) The assembly was green.

2. His hands were as cold as ice.

This is a: ________________

(simile/metaphor)

This means:

A) His hands were wet.
B) His hands were extremely cold.

3. The kitten is a fluffy cloud.

This is a: ________________

(simile/metaphor)

This means:

A) The kitten is furry and white.
B) The kitten sleeps all day.

4. I’m as hungry as a bear.

This is a: ________________

(simile/metaphor)

This means:

A) I’m not very hungry.
B) I’m really hungry.