Similes

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Similes compare two things that are the same in 1 important way using *like* or *as*. Writers use similes to make their writing more descriptive and interesting.

Ex. She was as brave as a lion.

Directions: Use the word bank to complete the simile.

1. The baby is as cute as a _____.
2. He was happy as a _____.
3. Grandpa is as blind as a _____.
4. They fought like _____ and dogs.
5. I was as cool as a _____.

Bat

Cucumber

Cats

Clam

Button

White

Metaphors

Metaphors compare two things **without** using *like* or *as*. They state that one thing is something else.

Ex. You are my sunshine. *means* You make me happy.

Directions: Use the word bank to complete the metaphor.

1. My classroom was a _____.
2. The snake's fangs were _____.
3. She stays up late. She's a _____.
4. Toddlers are _____.
5. Paul is a _____. He got 100?

Monkeys

Shinning star

Zoo

Rug rats

Daggers

Night Owl

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Idioms

Idioms are common phrases mean something different than they words seems to mean.

Ex. I'm going to *call it a night*. means I'm going to bed.

Directions: Write the letter that matches the meaning next the idiom.

1	Getting fired turned out to be a **blessing in disguise**.	
2	These red poppies are **a dime a dozen**.	
3	Don't **beat around the bush**.	
4	He's **got a chip on his shoulder**.	
5	Would you **cut me some slack**?	
6	Don't **cut any corners**.	
7	She let things **get out of hand**.	
8	**Hang in there**.	

A Just say what you mean.

B Don't be so hard on me.

C It turned out well.

D Don't take any shortcuts and produce shoddy work.

E These are very common.

F Stick with it.

G It is out of control.

H An angry person with a grudge

Personification

Directions: Read each sentence. If the sentence contains personification type **yes**. If it does not type **no.**

1. Time *flies* when you're having fun.	yes	no
2. The leaves *waved* in the wind.	yes	no
3. Nadia swims like a fish.	yes	no
4. Don't break my heart.	yes	no
5. He is feeling under the weather.	yes	no

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Hyperbole

Hyperbole *(Hi-per-boe-lee)* is an exaggeration used for emphasis or humor.

To say ***her smile was a mile wide*** packs a bigger a punch than, "She had a big smile."

Directions: Write H in the box if the statement is hyperbole. Write X if it is not.

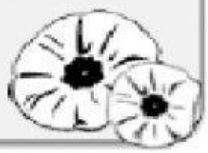
Tip: If it could really happen, it's not hyperbole.

1. ☐ That mall is large enough to have its own zip code.
2. ☐ It will only take me two seconds to get there.
3. ☐ His stomach is a bottomless pit.
4. ☐ We used to walk 15 miles to school in the snow, uphill both ways.
5. ☐ This book is really boring.

Alliteration

Alliteration happens when words that start with the same sound are used repeatedly in a phrase or sentence.

Ex. Paula planted the pretty pink poppies in the pot.



Directions: Finish the alliteration in each sentence.

1. My mother _____
2. Little Larry _____
3. The black bug _____

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Onomatopoeia

An **onomatopoeia** is a word that describes a sound & mimics it.

Examples

Achoo	Arf	Baa	Buzzing
Bow-wow	Blab	Brr	Eek
Hiss	Hoot	Squeak	Zip

Directions: Use the examples above to fill in the blank. *(The sentence should make sense).*

1. The old floor boards _____ when you walk across the room.
2. The bees were _____ happily in the garden.
3. The snake will _____ if you tap on the glass.
4. _____ it's cold in the morning. You should _____ up your jacket.
5. My mom would _____ on the phone all day if she could.

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