

Figurative Language

Video of today's lesson.

Figurative language is a creative way of using words that do not mean their literal definition, designed to create vivid mental images. Some examples of figurative language are:

1. A simile compares two unlike things using like or as.
Examples: The owl looks like a cat.
Angel is as gentle as a dove.
2. Metaphor - directly compares two things.
E.g. Angel is a dove.
3. Hyperbole - an exaggeration.
E.g. If I don't go to the mall tonight, I'm literally going to die.

Hyperbole Song

4. Idiom - a phrase that is not literal.
E.g. It's raining cats and dogs.

Idiom Song

5. Personification - giving objects human like traits.
E.g. The wind whispered in the wind.
6. Onomatopoeia - a word that sounds like what it describes.
E.g. Kaboom, boing

Onomatopoeia Song

7. Alliteration - repetition of the same consonant sounds.
E.g. Ken kiss the cake.

8. Assonance - repetition of the same vowel sounds.
E.g. The rain in Spain falls mainly on the plain.

Practice

Part A: Match the Figurative Language.

1. The wind whispered through the trees. Personification
2. She is as busy as a bee. Simile
3. Boom! The thunder roared loudly. Onomatopoeia
4. I'm so hungry I could eat a horse. Hyperbole
5. Time is a thief. Metaphor
6. Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers. Alliteration
7. The light of the fire is bright in the night. Assonance
8. It's raining cats and dogs. Idiom

Part B: Identify the Figurative Language (Choices: Simile, Metaphor, Personification, Hyperbole, Onomatopoeia, Alliteration, Assonance, Idiom)

1. The stars danced in the sky. _____
2. Her smile was as bright as the sun. _____
3. The classroom was a zoo. _____
4. Splash! The water hit the floor. _____
5. I've told you a million times! _____
6. The snake slithered silently. _____
7. Go slow over the road. _____
8. Break a leg on your performance! _____

Part C: Create Your Own

Simile: _____

Metaphor: _____

Personification: _____

Hyperbole: _____

Onomatopoeia: _____

Alliteration: _____

Assonance: _____

Idiom: _____

Part D: Multiple Choice

1. Which sentence is an example of a metaphor?

- a) He runs like the wind.
- b) He is a cheetah on the track.
- c) He runs very fast.
- d) He runs quickly like a deer.

2. Which one shows personification?

- a) The car is fast.
- b) The sun smiled down on us.
- c) The sun is bright.
- d) The sun is like fire.

3. Which sentence is an idiom?

- a) She cried loudly.
- b) She has a heart of gold.
- c) She spilled the beans.
- d) She is very kind.

4. Which is an example of alliteration?

- a) Big brown bears
- b) Loud thunder boomed
- c) The stars shine bright
- d) The dog barked loudly

Part E: Short Paragraph Example

The wind howled angrily as the trees danced wildly. Lightning flashed like a camera in the dark sky, and BOOM! Thunder shook the ground. It felt like the storm would last forever.

Bonus Challenge

Write a short paragraph (3–5 sentences) using at least three different types of figurative language.
