

Similes

Name: _____

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.



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

Idioms

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



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



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

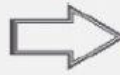
Personification

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

1. Time <i>flies</i> when you're having fun.	yes	no
2. The leaves <i>waved</i> 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

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 punch than, "She had a big smile."

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

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.

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

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.

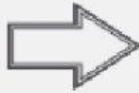


Directions: Finish the alliteration in each sentence.

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

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.