

# LIRIK LAGU

## A. Tujuan Pembelajaran

Setelah kegiatan pembelajaran ini diharapkan peserta didik diharapkan dapat:

1. menentukan tujuan atau tema lagu
2. menentukan kalimat kiasan (figurative language) yang digunakan dalam lirik lagu

## B. Uraian Materi

Untuk materi pembelajaran pada kegiatan ini, kalian akan berlatih menafsirkan fungsi dan struktur kebahasaan sebuah lagu terutama dalam penggunaan kalimat kiasan (figurative language).

Salah satu fungsi lagu adalah untuk menyampaikan perasaan yang dialami. Coba perhatikan potongan lirik lagu di bawah ini? Apakah kalian pernah menyanyikan lagu ini.

### Firework by Katy Perry

**Do you ever feel like a plastic bag**

Drifting through the wind

Wanting to start again

**Do you ever feel, feel so paper thin**

Like a house of cards

One blow from caving in

**Do you ever feel already buried deep**

Six feet under scream

But no one seems to hear a thing

**Do you know that there's still a chance for you**

Cause there's a spark in you

**You just gotta ignite the light**

And let it shine

Just own the night

Like the Fourth of July

Apakah lagu ini bercerita tentang indahnya sebuah "fireworks"? Atau apakah bisa dibayangkan lirik "**Do you ever feel like a plastic bag**, Drifting through the wind", like a paper thin". Kamu bayangkan jika kalian seperti benda benda tersebut, benar lirik lagu ini berisi kalimat-kalimat pengkiasan. Nah, Why firework? Just compare these situations for answering this question!

So, what does Katy Perry want to tell the listeners?

She motivates, inspires the listeners to light up just like fireworks.

Jelas lirik lagu bercerita tentang perasaan, keinginan, kegelisahan, harapan, yang dirasakan penulis lagu.

Jadi fungsi sosial lirik lagu seperti di bawah ini:

**Social functions of songs**

- To entertain listeners
- To express the deepest feelings such as, sadness, happiness, of the singer
- To express disagreement, disapproval, motivation and opposition
- To express love for his/her country
- To honor a someone
- As a soundtrack to strengthen the theme of a movie, an advertisement, etc.
- To lead people's mood into an event such as, a wedding party, a birthday celebration, a funeral, etc.

Practice 1. Find out the purpose of the lyrics

| Songs                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Purpose |
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| If I were a boy<br>I think I could understand<br>How it feels to love a girl<br>I swear I'd be a better man<br>I'd listen to her                                                                        |         |
| You just gotta ignite the light<br>And let it shine<br>Just own the night<br>Like the Fourth of July                                                                                                    |         |
| This is my fight song<br>Take back my life song<br>Prove I'm alright song<br>My power's turned on                                                                                                       |         |
| Only miss the sun when it starts<br>to snow<br>Only know you love her when<br>you let her go<br>Only know you've been high<br>when you're feeling low<br>Only hate the road when you're<br>missing home |         |

So, apakah lagu remaja itu tentang percintaan saja, atau pertemanan dan hanya imajinasi? Tentunya Kalian dapat memberikan contoh-contoh lagu lain, bukan. Tuliskan di buku kalian masing-masing contoh lagu dengan fungsi sosialnya atau tujuannya.

Untuk menemukan pesan dan tujuan penulis tentunya kita perlu memahami kalimat-kalimat kiasan (Figurative language). Nah, sekarang kita akan mendiskusikannya. Let's do it.!

**Figurative Language in songs**

Berdasarkan contoh lirik lagu "Fire Works" , menafsirkan lirik lagu dapat dilakukan dengan melihat perumpamaan kalimat yaitu dengan cara menggunakan kata **like** ( hit me like a ray of sun ) atau perumpamaan langsung **you're firework**. **Silahkan Kalian pelajari.**

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| Simile          | It uses the words 'like' or 'as' to compare one object or idea with another to suggest they are alike. Example: She is busy as a bee.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Metaphor        | It states a fact or draws a verbal picture by the use of comparison. A simile would say you are like something; a metaphor is more positive - it says you are something. Example: You are what you eat.                                                                                                         |
| Personification | A figure of speech in which human characteristics are given to an animal or an object. Example: My teddy bear gave me a hug.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Alliteration    | The repetition of the same initial letter, sound, or group of sounds in a series of words. Alliteration includes tongue twisters. Example: She sells seashells by the sea shore.                                                                                                                                |
| Onomatopoeia    | The use of a word to describe or imitate a natural sound or the sound made by an object or an action. Example: snap, crackle, pop                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Hyperbole       | An exaggeration that is so dramatic that no one would believe the statement is true. Example: He was so hungry that he ate that whole cornfield for lunch, stalks, and all.                                                                                                                                     |
| Phrasal Verbs   | a combination of verb and one or more adverbial or prepositional particles, as <i>catch on</i> , <i>take off</i> , <i>bring up</i> , or <i>put up with</i> , functioning as a single semantic unit and often having an idiomatic meaning that could not be predicted from the meanings of the individual parts. |

### Practice 2. Decide the lyrics whether Metaphor or Simile!

| Lyrics                                                                                                                       | Metaphor/Simile |
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| Questions of science, science and progress<br>Do not speak as loud as my heart                                               |                 |
| Love to see you shine in the night like the diamond you are<br>I'm on the other side, it's alright, just hold me in the dark |                 |
| I see this life like a swinging vine<br>Swing my heart across the line                                                       |                 |
| Third floor on the West Side, me and you<br>Handsome, you're a mansion with a view                                           |                 |

Memahami lagu tentunya perlu memahami tidak sekedar kata yang didengar atau dibaca, namun membayangkan dengan cara membandingkan dengan objek lain, peristiwa, menebak perasaan dan menarik sebuah kesimpulan. Silahkan kalian baca kembali kegiatan pembelajaran ini sebelum lanjut ke latihan soal.

## C. Rangkuman

Terdapat dua hal yang penting dalam menafsirkan lirik lagu, yaitu :

1. Menemukan " Social Function " seperti : untuk menghibur, mengungkapkan perasaan, memotivasi, menyampaikan kritik, mengajak untuk bergembira.
2. Menemukan makna *figurative language* seperti: metaphor, simile, personification.

## D. Latihan Soal

Nah sekarang Kalian akan melihat sejauh mana perkembangan untuk menggunakan fungsi sosial yang benar dalam lagu serta makna figurative language. Jangan pernah takut untuk selalu mencoba, belajar dan berlatih.

**Exercise :** Look closely some lyrics of the song, decide whether metaphor and simile by choosing an option in the middle box. Then, find out social function based on the meaning.

| lyrics                                                                                                                                                                  | Metaphor or Simile | Social Function |
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| <i>Don't you tell me what you think that I can be</i><br><b><i>I'm the one at the sail, I'm the master of my sea, oh ooh</i></b><br><i>The master of my sea, oh ooh</i> |                    |                 |
| Hit me like a ray of sun<br>Burning through my darkest night<br>You're the only one that I want<br>Think I'm addicted to your light                                     |                    |                 |
| <i>You were the light for me to find my truth</i><br><b><i>I just wanna say, thank you</i></b>                                                                          |                    |                 |
| <i>Questions of science, science and progress</i><br><b><i>Do not speak as loud as my heart</i></b>                                                                     |                    |                 |
| <i>Into your heart I'll beat again</i><br><b><i>Sweet like candy to my soul</i></b><br><i>Sweet you rock</i><br><i>And sweet you roll</i>                               |                    |                 |