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 thing 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 is 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.

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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: _____

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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

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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.

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