

Figurative Language

Students will...

1. Explore the different ways of expressing figurative language.
2. Understand how figurative language can improve story writing.

Figurative vs. Literal Language

Literally: Words mean EXACTLY what they say.

Ex. The car is blue.

Ex. He caught the football.

Figuratively: figure out what it means

Ex. I've got your back.

Ex. You're a doll.

^FIGURES of speech!

Simile

Comparison of two things using “like” or “as.”

Examples:

The metal twisted like a ribbon.

She is as sweet as candy.

Warning!!!!

Using “like” or “as” does NOT make a simile!

A *comparison* must be made.

Not a Simile: I like pizza.

Simile: The moon is like a pizza.

Metaphors

Two things are compared without using “like” or “as.”

Examples:

The snow was a soft, white blanket.

Her long blonde hair was a flowing, golden river.

Personification

Giving human traits to objects or ideas.

Examples:

The sunlight danced.

The water on the lake shivered.

The streets are calling me.

Hyperbole

Exaggeration to show strong feeling or effect.

Examples:

My house is a million miles from here!

Our new house cost a bazillion dollars.

If I can't use my phone, I will die!

Try it out!

How can we use figurative language
to make our stories better?

Quiz

Flip your paper over!

1. You will see an example of figurative language on the SMART board.
2. Write whether it is a simile, metaphor, personification, or hyperbole.
3. You can use your notes.

**1. He drew a line as straight as an
arrow.**

2. Knowledge is a kingdom.

3. The sun was beating down on me.

4. The flag wagged like a fishhook
there in the sky.

5. I'd rather take a bath
With a man eating shark,
Or wrestle a lion
Alone in the dark,
Eat spinach and liver,
Pet ten porcupines,
Then tackle the homework
My teacher assigns.

6. His stomach is a bottomless pit.

7. Kate's answer to the problem was just a Band-Aid, not a solution.

8. Grandpa lounged out in the middle of the pool, like an old battleship.

9. She heard the last piece of
cheesecake calling her name from the
fridge.

10. The lesson was taking forever.

Answers

1. Simile
2. Metaphor
3. Personification
4. Simile
5. Hyperbole
6. Metaphor/Hyperbole
7. Metaphor
8. Simile
9. Personification
10. Hyperbole