


Figurative Language

Language used to describe something in a creative way; usually uses at least 1 of the senses.



Simile

Definition: compares two unlike things using the words *like* or *as*.

Example: Her eyes were as green as emeralds.

Metaphor

Definition: compares two unlike things **without** using the words *like* or *as*.

Example: Life is a bowl of cherries.

Alliteration

Definition: the repetition of the same consonant sounds at the beginning of words that are near each other.

Example: Fly away, my fine-feathered friend.

Personification

Definition: giving human qualities to an animal, object, or idea.

Example: The sun wrapped its warm arms around my shoulders.

Hyperbole

Definition: uses exaggeration to prove a point.

Example: I'm so hungry *I could eat an elephant!*

Onomatopoeia

Definition: words that are invented to imitate real sounds.

Example: The bee *buzzed* by my ear.

Idiom

Definition: an expression that has meaning different from the meaning of its individual words.

Examples: She was *in a pickle*.

It's *raining cats and dogs* outside.

You *drive me up the wall*.

His girlfriend is *the apple of his eye*.

Jeff woke up on the *wrong side of the bed*.

Marie and Todd are going to *tie the knot*.

Who *let the cat out of the bag*?