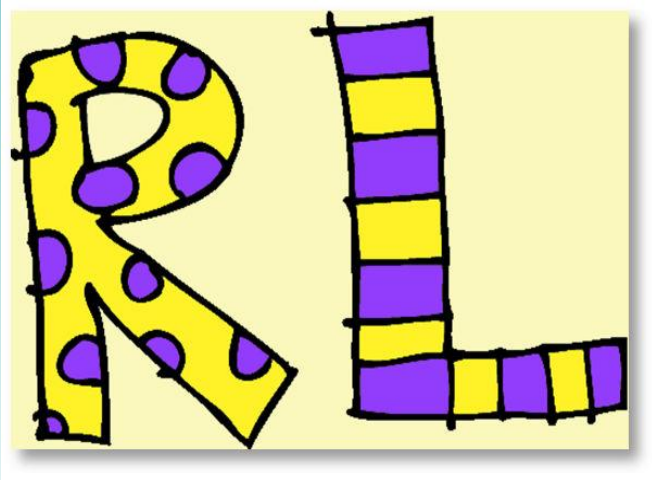


Figurative Language

Figuring it Out

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**I can determine the meaning
of words and phrases as they
are read in a text.**

Figurative Language

vs

Literal Language

Literal Meaning

Words say exactly what they mean.

- The car is blue.
- He caught the football.

Figurative Meaning

Words say one thing, but mean another

- I've got your back.
- You're a doll.

(Figures of Speech)

Simile

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

Examples:

- The metal twisted **like** a ribbon.
- She is **as** sweet **as** candy.

Important!

Using “like” or “as” doesn’t make a simile.

A *comparison* of two unlike things must be made.

Simile: *The moon is like
a pizza.*

Not a Simile: *I like pizza.*

Metaphor

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

Examples:

- All the world **is** a stage.
- She is a rose.
- He has a stone heart.

Personification

Giving human traits to objects or ideas.

Examples:

The sunlight danced.

Water on the lake shivers.

The streets are calling me.

Hyperbole

Exaggerating to show strong feeling or effect.

Examples:

- I will love you forever.
- My house is a million miles from here.
- She'd kill me.

Understatement

Expression with less strength than expected. **The opposite of hyperbole.**

Example:

- I'll be there in one second.
- This won't hurt a bit.

Alliteration

Repetition of the initial consonant sounds.

Example:

Slowly, silently, the shining moon
Walks the night in her silvery sheen.

Onomatopoeia

The naming of a thing or action by *imitation of natural sounds*.

Examples:

The fly ***buzzed*** around her head.

The ***hiss*** of the snake caught my attention.

Idiom

An expression that cannot be understood from the meanings of its separate words but must be learned as a whole.

Example: It's raining cats and dogs.

Now, let's practice!

On a sheet of paper...

1. On the following slides are examples of figurative language.
2. You will write whether it is an **simile**, **metaphor**, **personification**, **hyperbole**, or **understatement**.
3. You **can** use your notes.

1

He drew a line as straight
as an arrow.

2

Knowledge is a kingdom
and all who learn are kings
and queens.

3

**Can I see you for a
second?**

4

The sun was beating
down on me.

5

A flag wags like a
fishhook there in the sky.

6

I'd rather take baths
with a man-eating shark,
or wrestle a lion
alone in the dark,
eat spinach and liver,
pet ten porcupines,
than tackle the homework,
my teacher assigns.

7

Ravenous and savage
from its long
polar journey,

the North Wind

is searching
for food—

8

The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants.

9

Can I have one of your
chips?

10

I'm a black ocean, leaping and
wide,

Welling and swelling I bear

in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror
and fear

I rise



PAUSE AND REFLECT...

Before moving on to the next slides, take a moment to review your work and understanding of figurative language. Then, move on to the following slide to check/correct your answers.

Answers

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