

Figurative Language

Simile

Using the words “like” or “as” to compare one object or idea with another

Example: busy as a bee

Metaphor

A simile would say you are like something; a metaphor says you are something.

Example: You are what you eat.

Personification

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, or sounds in a series of words

Example: She sells seashells by the seashore.

Onomatopoeia

Words used to describe or imitate sounds made by objects or actions.

Example: snap crackle pop

Hyperbole

An exaggeration so great that no one would ever believe.

Example: He was so hungry, he ate that whole cornfield for lunch.

Examples of Figurative Language

- “Quack,” went the Billy goat
- “Hee haw,” said the turkey
- I can walk the ocean floor and never have to breathe
- May you never feel like the color of this page
- As hard as wood
- There is nothing I can’t chew
- Thinking thanks is thankless and thanking thankees thinkless
- I heard the owl say there will be a mouse for supper.
- Life is like a blanket.
- May your life be like a foot print leave a mark but not stain
- The cold weather told me to fasten my feet to the branch