

Figurative Language Notes

	Figurative Language
	Essential Question: How does Figurative Language enhance your reading experience?
What is Figurative Language?	Figurative Language is a tool that an author uses to help the reader visualize (or see) what is happening in a story or poem.

	Types Of Figurative Language: Simile Metaphor Alliteration Onomatopoeia Idiom Personification Hyperbole Oxymoron Pun
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Simile

A Simile is a comparison using like or as. It usually compares two dissimilar objects.



Example:

His feet were as big as boats. --> We are comparing the size of feet to boats.

Metaphor

BE

am =

is =

are =

was =

were =

A metaphor states that one thing is something else.

It is a comparison, but it does NOT use "like" or "as" to make the comparison.

Examples:

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Her hair is a jump rope → Metaphor

"Jamie smelled the brewing coffee and stared at the legs of the kitchen table and his mother's legs--she called them toothpicks..." pg 19

Alliteration

-3X

After 3, use
connectors

Example:

- Can be a
Tongue
Twister

The repetition of the same sounds or of the same kinds of sounds at the beginning of words or in stressed syllables.

Clever Clifford Cutter clumsily
closed the closet clasps.
Yolanda Yvonne Yarger yodeled up
yonder yesterday.

Trent's rent's spent!

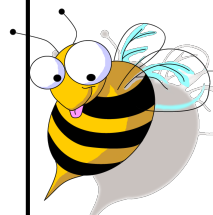
Onomatopoeia

A word which imitates a noise or action.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgakLemPh_k

Example:

"The bee
buzzed past us."
--> The word
"buzzed"
is a word which
sounds like the
noise a bee
makes
when they move
past us.



Idiom

Figure of speech



The words do not mean what they say

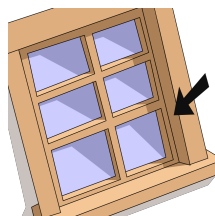
Example:



An expression that has a meaning apart from the meanings of its individual words.

"It's raining cats and dogs."
It's literal meaning suggests that cats and dogs are falling from the sky. We interpret it to mean that it is raining hard.

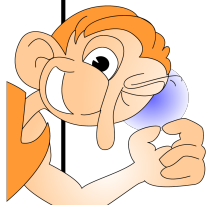
Personification



Giving human qualities, feelings, action, or characteristics to inanimate (non-living) objects.

Example:

"The window winked at me."
The verb, "wink" is a human action. A window is an inanimate object. Therefore, we have a good example of personification.



Hyperbole



Makes exaggerated comparisons for effect. Sometimes these can be very funny. They are often used in fairy tales and tall tales to make the story interesting.

Example:

The pavement was so hot, our feet fried.



He was so tall his head touched the clouds.

Oxymoron : A figure of speech where opposite terms appear together

Jumboshrimp!

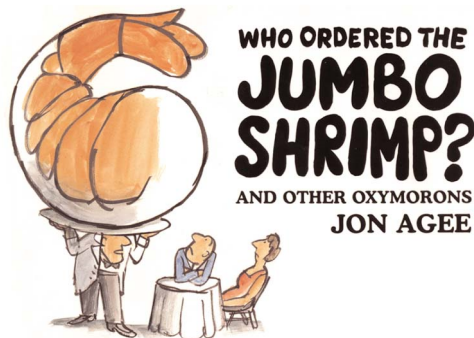
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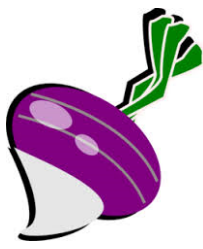
Awfully nice

Good Grief!

confirmed rumor

Proud to be Humble





Pun

A play on words

A humorous use of a word or phrase to emphasize its different meanings

Examples:

This will be really punny!

#turnip

Ghosts love elevators because elevators lift their spirits!

Bananas have real a-peel!

