

Figurative

Language Unit

The Study of:

Alliteration

ONOMATOPOEIA

METAPHOR

Simile

Hyperbole

Personification

Idiom

SYMBOLISM

ANALOGY

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Figurative Language

What is Figurative Language

Figurative Language challenge

Hyperbole

Hyperbole is an extreme exaggeration that is not meant to be taken literally. It is often used for emphasis or to create a humorous effect.

Idiom

An idiom is a phrase or expression that has a figurative meaning that is different from the literal meaning of the words.

Metaphor

A metaphor is a figure of speech that compares two things that are not alike in a direct way, suggesting a resemblance or similarity between them.

Simile

A simile is a figure of speech that compares two things that are not alike in a direct way, using the words "like" or "as" to make the comparison.

Onomatopoeia

Onomatopoeia is a word that imitates the sound it represents, such as "buzz" for a bee or "crash" for a falling object.

Personification

Personification is a figure of speech that gives human qualities to non-human objects or ideas.

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Figurative Language

What is Figurative Language? The study of language that uses words or phrases to create a picture or to make a point in a way that is different from the literal meaning of the words.

Metaphor

Metaphor: A figure of speech implying how two things are similar.

Figurative Language Challenge: a Unit of Study

Figurative Language Game

Read the following sentences and identify the figurative language used in each. Write the type of figurative language in the space provided. You may use the same type of figurative language more than once.

There was a tremendous crowd.
I broke my sister's heart.
The girl looked as pale as a ghost.
The sun was a glowing orb.
She sat down in the dumps.
Betsy baked better bread with her own hands.
The bug went *plunk* on the windshield.
The warm smile of the sun made me feel like I had thousands of cherries to eat.
I had thousands of chores to do.
The wife looked like a queen.
Her mother was a lanky bear.
The days were just hanging on.

All About Hyperboles

An extreme exaggeration. What is your subject?

What is the hyperbole that you compare your subject to?

Write a sentence using your hyperbole.

Onomatopoeia

Onomatopoeia: Words that imitate the sound they represent.

Examples of onomatopoeia: buzz, crash, pop, sizzle, tick, tick, toot, vroom, whoosh, zing.

Write a sentence using onomatopoeia.

Personification

Personification: Giving human qualities to things and ideas.

Personification Examples: The tree leaves danced. The chair creaked.

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Examples: Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.

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Hyperbole Example

Examples of hyperbole: I have a million dollars. I am as tall as a giant.

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Symbolism

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Symbolism Examples:

a storm occurring when there is a conflict or argument.

The transition from day to night, meaning going from good to evil.

Analogy

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Determining a relationship between 2 things and applying that same relationship to another word.

There are 5 different types of relationships!

Antonym Analogy: Graceful is to Clumsy as Late is to Early

Synonym Analogy: Work is to Labor as Happy is to Glad

Descriptive Analogy: Blue is to Sky as Green is to Grass

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Item to Category Analogy: Juice is to Beverage as Cheese is to Dairy

Analogy Example:

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My Figurative Language Pledge:

I _____,
will do my best to learn the different
types of figurative language!

My favorite figurative language
so far is:

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The type of figurative language that seems
confusing to me is:

O.k. have a great time learning the different
types of figurative language. Can you name
them without looking through this booklet
or at the posters? Try with a partner. See
who can name the different types of
figurative language first.

Break a Leg! I mean do a great job!



Examples of Idioms.....Examples of Idioms..... Examples of Idioms

Apple of my eye

feeling affection for someone

A dime a dozen

something so common that it has little value, no need

A taste of your own medicine

a lesson where other people treat you the same way you treat them in order to teach you that you are acting badly

Back to the drawing board

figuring out a new solution to a problem

Ball is in your court

it is up to you to make a decision

Bend over backwards

helping someone

Bite your tongue

stopping yourself from saying something that will hurt someone's feelings

Blowing your top

becoming extremely angry

Break a leg

do a great job

Breaking news

important information that just happened

Breaking the ice

getting to know someone

Call the shots

tell people what to do, in charge

Changing your mind

deciding to do something else

Clear the air

talk about a problem



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come in handy

something that is useful

cracking up

thinking something is funny, laughing

cup of Joe

cup of coffee

cut it out

stop doing something

cutting corners

to take a shortcut, to find a cheaper or easier way of doing something

Dead as a doornail

lifeless

Don't rock the boat

do not cause problems

Going out on a limb

taking a risk

hit the road

leave

hit the hay/sack

you are going to go to sleep

I'm all ears

ready to listen

Lend someone a hand

help someone out

That is over her/his head

they don't understand

Penny pincher

someone who does not spend a lot of money and likes to buy things cheap



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Piece of cake
easy or simple
State of the art
the best

stealing my thunder
taking the attention away from someone's accomplishments and achievements

Take a hike
telling someone to leave
Take a rain check

declining now, but suggesting you may say yes in the future

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree
a child growing up to be very similar to their parents with similar characteristics

The drop of a hat
stopping what you are doing instantly to do something else

The early bird gets the worm
whoever arrives first has the best chance of success

Under the weather
ill or sick

wake up and smell the coffee
start paying attention to what is happening around you

walking on eggshells
being very careful because someone gets easily offended or angry

We are in the same boat
being in the same situation or having the same problem as others

Zip your lip
be quiet

All About Idioms

Idiom:

Definition of the Idiom:

Illustration of Idiom:

Sentence Using the Idiom:

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Find the similes. highlight or underline them.

1. The clock struck midnight and the sky was as black as ink.
2. The new couch was as big as a bus and could hardly fit inside their small living room.
3. She forgot her glasses and felt as blind as a bat, so she had difficulty reading.
4. She forgot her homework four days in a row and felt as flaky as a snowstorm.
5. After getting all the questions correct on her test, she felt as wise as an owl.
6. The snobby and conceited girl treated everyone badly and was as cold as ice.
7. I needed my sunglasses inside since the lights were as bright as day.
8. The new baby looked as cute as a cupcake in his brand new giraffe sweater.
9. her brand new puppy was as cute as a button when he chased his tail in circles.
10. The frog wasn't moving because it was as dead as a doornail.
11. When everyone is sleeping, the house is as quiet as a mouse.
12. When she graduated from high school, her mom was as proud as a peacock.
13. When the school bell rings at the end of the day I feel as free as a bird.
14. She accidentally dropped the meatball and it was as flat as a pancake.
15. She ate the huge pizza all by herself and felt as fat as a pig.
16. She exercised and ate healthy things all week and felt as light as a feather.
17. Finding the ring she lost was like finding a needle in a haystack.
18. The girl walked as slow as a snail because she was so exhausted.
19. The class was as quiet as a mouse because they didn't want to get in trouble.
20. She was so cozy in her bed she felt as snug as a bug in a rug.

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23. She felt as sick as a dog when she had the flu and didn't go to school yesterday.
24. She didn't care what others said about her because she was as tough as nails.
25. The extraordinary girl was as sweet as honey and was voted class president.
26. She was so scared that she turned as white as a ghost.
27. The dog's fur looked as fluffy and white as snow after getting his hair washed.
28. The basketball players all looked as tall as giraffes to the people in the audience.
29. The ants at the picnic were as welcome as a skunk at a lawn party.
30. he stayed out in the sun all day and after his face looked as red as a tomato.
31. he hadn't eaten the entire day at school and felt as hungry as a bear.
32. The class acted like busy bees getting ready for open house later that day.
33. When she made her speech she felt like a bug under a magnifying glass.
34. he disappeared as quick as a wink when his mom asked him to do chores.
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37. She felt as fit as a fiddle after completing the twelve week exercise program.
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The popular toy flew off the shelves during the holidays.

The fire ran wild and spread quickly putting the homes in danger.

The year raced by and before we knew it, summer was here.

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Bam!

Beep!

Boom!

Chomp!

Chug!

Click!

Crack!

Crackle!

Crash!

Fizz!

Gobble!

Honk!

Pop!

Quack!

Ring!

Roar!

Slap!

Snap!

Snort!

Splash!

Squeak!

Squirt!

Tick-tock!

Whoosh!

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name: _____ Date: _____

Alliteration uses repeated consonant sounds at the beginning of each word. Write two examples below.

letter:

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Determine the relationship between 2 things
and apply that same relationship to the other word.

Remember: There are 5 different types of relationships!

Antonym Relationship: Beautiful is to Ugly as Good is to Bad

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Descriptive Relationship: Yellow is to Banana as Fast is to Cheetah

Part to Whole Relationship: Glass is to Window as Button is to Shirt

Item to Category Relationship: Running is to Exercise as Soccer is to Sports

Analogy

Light : Feather :: Heavy :

Type of Relationship: Descriptive

How would you say this analogy out loud?

Feather is to Light as Elephant is to Heavy

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Determine the relationship, missing word, and write how this analogy would be said out loud.

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. Enormous : Tiny :: Quick : _____

Type of Relationship: _____

How would you say this analogy out loud?

2. Football : Sports :: Pasta : _____

Type of Relationship: _____

How would you say this analogy out loud?

3. Fearless : Brave :: Humorous : _____

Type of Relationship: _____

How would you say this analogy out loud?

4. Cuddly : Kitten :: Ferocious : _____

Type of Relationship: _____

How would you say this analogy out loud?

5. Knob : Door :: Zipper : _____

Type of Relationship: _____

How would you say this analogy out loud?

6. Mistake : Correct :: Healthy : _____

Type of Relationship: _____

How would you say this analogy out loud?

7. Plump : Fat :: Thin : _____

Type of Relationship: _____

How would you say this analogy out loud?

8. Straight : Line :: Round : _____

Type of Relationship: _____

How would you say this analogy out loud?

9. Red : Color :: French Fries : _____

Type of Relationship: _____

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Analogy Challenge: (You can do it!) Write your own analogies!
Determine the relationship, words, and write how this analogy would be said out loud.

Name: _____

Date: _____



_____ : _____ :: _____ : _____

Type of Relationship: _____

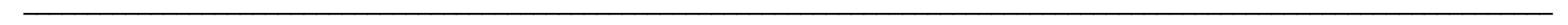
How would you say this analogy out loud?



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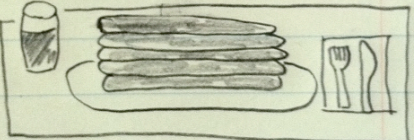
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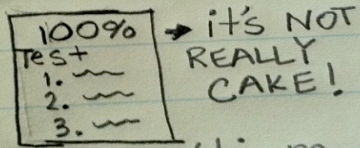
Hyperbole
She could eat one million pancakes she was SO hungry.



This is a Hyperbole because it uses exaggeration.

Idiom

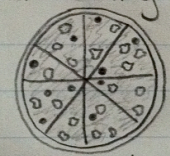
Idiom
The test was a piece of cake!



This is an idiom because it is just an expression. Piece of cake means simple, not really cake!

Metaphor

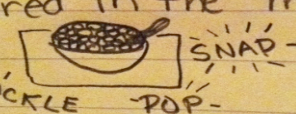
My Metaphor
There was a rainbow of flavors in the pizza tonight.



This is a metaphor since I compared the delicious ingredients and tastes to all of the colors in a rainbow.

Onomatopoeia

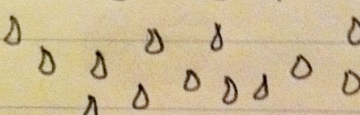
Onomatopoeia
The cereal went CRACKLE, POP SNAP when he poured in the milk.



These are examples of onomatopoeia because the words look like the sound they describe.

Personification

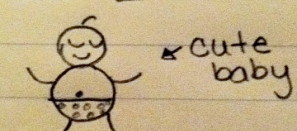
Personification
The rain kissed my cheeks as it fell.



This is personification since rain doesn't really kiss, only a person does.

Simile

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The baby was as cute as a button.



This is a simile since I used like or as and I compared the baby to a button.

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