

Figurative Language!

Types of Figurative Language	Definition	Example
Simile	A simile compares <u>two</u> things using <i>like</i> or <i>as</i> .	Ripley is <i>as</i> lazy as sloth.
Metaphor	A metaphor compares <u>two</u> things <i>without</i> using <i>like</i> or <i>as</i> .	The clouds were cotton balls in the sky.
Personification	Personification is when non-human things are given human qualities or characteristics.	The snowflakes danced on the ground.
Onomatopoeia	Onomatopoeia makes words from sounds.	Hiss! Sizzle! Ughhhh!
Oxymoron	A type of figurative language that contradicts (or goes against) itself.	Jumbo shrimp *We know shrimp are tiny!
Alliteration	Alliteration is the repetition of the same beginning sound in a series of words.	Sally sells seashells by the seashore.
Hyperbole	A hyperbole is an exaggeration for effect.	My homework took me 8 million years to finish.
Idiom	A phrase that has a different meaning than what it says.	The test was a <i>piece of cake</i> . *The test wasn't really a piece of cake but instead means it was easy.