

Worksheet 1.1: Figurative Language Part 1 (Simile, Metaphor, Personification)

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- Whenever you describe something by comparing it to something else, you are using figurative language.

1. Simile

A simile is a literary device that is used to compare one object or idea to another because they have something in common.

- The word **AS** or **LIKE** is used to compare the two objects.
- **Examples:** Lara is as busy as a bee. Omar is brave like a lion.

List of common similes:

~ as white as a sheet	~ as free as a bird
~ as black as night	~ as sweet as a pie
~ as quiet as a mouse	~ as flat as a pancake
~ as blind as a bat	~ as hungry as a wolf
~ as easy as abc	~ as light as a feather
~ as fresh as a daisy	~ as innocent as a lamb

2. Metaphor

A metaphor also compares two things, but it does so more **directly** WITHOUT using "as" or "like". A metaphor states that **something is something else**.

Examples: Omar was a lion in the battle. (This implies that Omar was brave.)

Her voice is music to his ears. (This implies that her voice makes him feel happy.)

The assignment was a breeze. (This implies that the assignment was easy.)

3. Personification

- A figure of speech in which human characteristics are given to an animal or an object.

Examples: My teddy bear gave me a hug. (only a person can hug)

The moon smiled at me. (only a person can smile)

Let's practice!

1. At the end of the sentence, write whether the sentence is an example of a metaphor, a simile or a personification.

- The clouds were as fluffy as cotton wool._____
- David runs like the wind._____
- Nick's cousin is a bookworm._____

- d. Lightning danced across the sky. _____
- e. My car's headlights winked at me. _____
- f. She is so beautiful; the camera loves her _____
- g. I felt like a fish out of water _____
- h. The telephone yelled for me to answer it. _____
- i. Her smile was a ray of sunshine. _____
- j. Lauren was as quiet as a mouse during the test. _____

2. Read each sentence below. Name the type of figurative language (simile, metaphor or personification). Then write what you think each phrase means.

a. I'm as blind as a bat in the dark.

Type of figurative language: _____

The phrase means _____

b. The argument was a thunderstorm of words.

Type of figurative language: _____

The phrase means _____

c. The sweater was hugging him tightly.

Type of figurative language: _____

The phrase means _____

d. The house was as sturdy as a rock.

Type of figurative language: _____

The phrase means _____

e. The waves ran towards the shore.

Type of figurative language: _____

The phrase means _____

f. Jewels in the sky.

Type of figurative language: _____

The phrase means _____