

# 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.

- a. The clouds were as fluffy as cotton wool. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. David runs like the wind. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. 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 \_\_\_\_\_