
Figurative Language

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Types of Figurative Language

Figurative language is everywhere! And there are many types, but these are the three we will focus on:

1. **Simile:** a comparison of an abstract thing to a concrete thing using like or as
2. **Metaphor:** a comparison that simply says an abstract thing *is* a concrete thing
3. **Symbol:** an object that represents a larger idea or concept

Make some similes and metaphors!

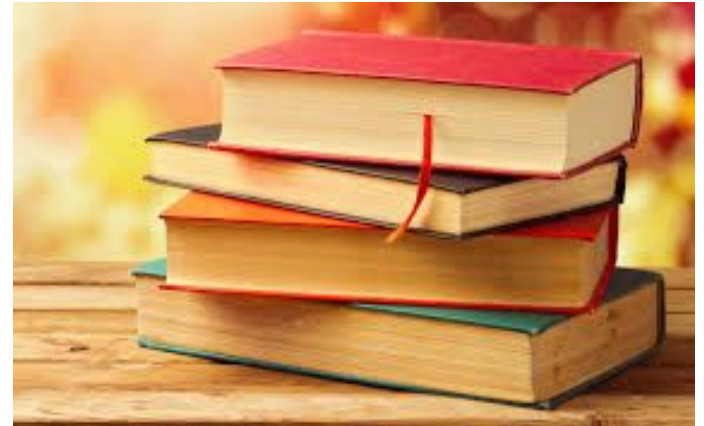
Pick an abstract thing:

- Strength
- Happiness
- Sadness
- Love
- Peace
- Knowledge
- Truth
- Anger
- Friendship
- Learning

Pick a concrete thing:

- A puppy
- Kim Kardashian
- A flower
- Hannah Montana
- A cupcake
- An xbox one
- A tennis ball
- Chris Pratt
- A book
- Harry Potter

*Happiness is
my favorite book that I can
read over and over again*



How can figurative language affect tone?

Did you notice how all of our types of figurative language use an abstract concept? Usually, this abstract concept is really important to the story!

When the author tells us how they want us to imagine this abstract concept (through their comparison with a concrete thing), they can create the tone for the whole story.

Let's think about how figurative language is used in "Marigolds"

Figurative Language in “Marigolds”

Figurative Language we found:

Tone of the story: