

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

METAPHOR

a comparison that does not include the words *like* or *as*

SIMILE

a comparison that includes the words *like* or *as*

HYPERBOLE

extreme exaggeration used to make a point

PERSONIFICATION

the act of giving human qualities to animals or inanimate objects

IDIOM

an expression whose meaning is different from the meaning of its individual words

ONOMATOPOEIA

a word whose sound suggests its meaning

UNDERSTATEMENT

a statement that is weakened to convey a stronger meaning

ALLITERATION

the repetition of a consonant sound at the beginning of words

IMAGERY

vivid description that includes details that appeal to the senses

CLICHÉ

an expression or phrase used so often it becomes stale and loses meaning

SYMBOL

an object that stands for an idea

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What Is Figurative Language?

I've told you a million times to clean your room!

She ran as fast as lightning.

His team was on top of the world after winning the championship game.

Figurative language is a way of using words to compare something to something else – beyond the literal meaning.

Figurative language is used for emphasis and impact.

Figurative language makes our writing more interesting. It also helps the reader create a mental image of our meaning.

1. We are alike

2. We are two peas in a pod

3.

4.



Group task

1. Metaphor

2. Simile

3. Hyperbole

4. Personification

Group task

5. Onomatopoeia

6. Understatement

7. Alliteration

8. Symbolism

9. Cliche