

What is figurative language?

A way of making words and phrases more dramatic or interesting. It takes language BEYOND what is literally meant.

Simile:

Uses the words 'like' or 'as' to compare one object with another to suggest that they are alike or similar.

Example:

He was busy as a bee.

Metaphor:

Compares 2 things, but does NOT use 'like' or 'as'. A metaphor would say you ARE something.

Example:

Her eyes were jewels, sparkling in the sun.

Hyperbole:

An exaggeration that is so dramatic that no one would believe the statement is true.

Example:

He was so hungry, he ate the whole cow for lunch, tail and all!

Onomatopoeia:

A word that imitates the sounds of a thing.

Example:

The duck quacked as it crossed our path.

Idiom:

A phrase that says one thing, but means something entirely different.

Example:

Everything is coming up roses for Sarah today!

Alliteration:

The repetition of a sound at the beginning of two or more neighboring words.

Example:

Lovely Lisa loves lazy lizards.

Personification:

When human characteristics are given to an animal or an object.

Example:

My teddy bear gave me a hug.

