



# FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Adding music to our words!

## Simile

A \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ things using the words  
\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following is a simile?

- My dog is a pig when he eats.
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- My dog devours donuts.
- My dog eats a ton of food each day.

## Metaphor

A \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_ things

Which of the following is a metaphor?

- My parents think my little sister is an angel.
- I think my sister is as devious as a fox.
- She has my parents snowballed.
- My little sister, Sally, is six.

## Onomatopoeia

A word that \_\_\_\_\_  
like \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following contains an onomatopoeia?

- When we awoke, a storm greeted us.
- The thunder sounded like a freight train barreling toward us.
- Thunder boomed all around us.
- It's raining cats and dogs outside!

## Alliteration

\_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following is an example of alliteration?

- The flowers in the garden beckoned me.
- My grandma has a green thumb.
- Ryan gives Rachel red roses regularly.
- The garden is a rainbow of colors.

# Personification

When an \_\_\_\_\_  
is given \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following contains personification?

- a. My brother is a library of information.
- b. It's time to hit the books.
- c. The book was begging me to pick it up and start reading it.
- d. Ben likes books about baseball.

# Hyperbole

An \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following is a hyperbole?

- a. Dad sounds like a saw when he sleeps.
- b. He's been sleeping forever!
- c. Bill got up on the wrong side of the bed today!
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# Idiom

A \_\_\_\_\_  
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The thirsty tomato plant gulped up the rainwater.

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You should see her jump. She is a kangaroo.

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Which of the following contains a SIMILE?

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She has a million pencils in her desk.

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Which of the following contains an example of PERSONIFICATION?

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Which of the following contains an ONOMATOPOEIA?

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