

## Figurative Language & Sound Devices

### Figurative Language

#### SIMILE

A simile compares two things using LIKE or AS.

- He is as fast as a cheetah.
- Her cheeks were as red as tomatoes.
- My bag is as heavy as a rock.
- The baby sleeps like an angel.
- The boys shouted like wild monkeys.

#### METAPHOR

A metaphor compares without using like or as. It says something IS something else.

- My teacher is a walking dictionary.
- My brother is a pig (he is messy).
- Her voice is music to my ears.
- The homework was a mountain.
- The playground was a jungle during break time.

#### PERSONIFICATION

Personification gives human actions to things that are not human.

- The flowers danced in the wind.
- The clock told me to hurry up.
- The fire laughed and crackled.
- The rain whispered on the roof.
- My pencil refused to write.

## ALLITERATION

Alliteration repeats the same beginning sound in words.

- Tiny turtles tip-toed to the tree.
- Brave boys bought big burgers.
- Pretty pink pencils in my pocket.
- Funny frogs fly fast.
- Lazy lions lie in the long grass.

## Sound Devices

### RHYME

Rhyme is when words have the SAME ending sound.  
We listen to the END of the word.

- cat / hat / bat
- play / day / stay
- bright / night / light

### RHYTHM

Rhythm is the BEAT or PATTERN in the poem. It is how the poem moves when we read it aloud.

- The cat ran up the hill.
- Tick – tock, tick – tock.
- **Slowly, slowly, the turtle walked.**

## Rhyme vs Rhythm

### RHYME

Look at the END of the word.

- cat / hat / bat

### RHYTHM

Listen to the BEAT of the poem.

- I like pizza (clap – clap – clap)

### ONOMATOPOEIA

Onomatopoeia is when a word sounds like the real sound.

- buzz
- pop
- bang
- hiss

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Category	Includes	Effect on the text
Figurative Language	Simile, Metaphor, Personification, Alliteration	Makes writing creative and imaginative. Helps the reader picture the idea.
Sound Devices	Rhyme, Rhythm, Onomatopoeia	Makes the poem sound musical and fun. Adds beat and sound effects.

### Identify the Type

1) The moon smiled at me.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Personification \_\_\_\_\_

2) He is as strong as a bear.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Simile \_\_\_\_\_

3) Busy bees buzzed by the flowers.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Alliteration \_\_\_\_\_

4) My brain is a computer.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Metaphor \_\_\_\_\_

5) The thunder yelled loudly.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Personification \_\_\_\_\_

### Identify the Figurative / Sound Device

1) The wind whispered through the trees.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Her smile was as bright as the sun.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

3) Bang! The door slammed shut.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

4) The playground was a jungle during break time.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

5) He ran like a cheetah.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

6) Pop! The balloon exploded.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

7) Slowly... slowly... the turtle walked.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

8) My dad is a walking encyclopedia.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

9) The silly snakes slide silently.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

10) "Tick tock, tick tock," said the clock.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

11) The children danced in a storm of excitement.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

## Answer Key

1. Personification
2. Simile
3. Onomatopoeia
4. Metaphor
5. Simile
6. Onomatopoeia
7. Rhythm
8. Metaphor
9. Alliteration
10. Onomatopoeia + Rhythm/ Personification
11. Metaphor