

CREATIVE WRITING, BOOK, AND MEDIA REVIEWS

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FIGURES OF SPEECH

Figures of Speech

Make writing colorful,
beautiful, impressive, and
catchy



Figures of Speech



Figures of speech are words or phrases that depart from straightforward literal language. Figures of speech are often used and crafted for emphasis, freshness, expression, or clarity.

Some Figures of Speech

- ▶ Simile
- ▶ Metaphor
- ▶ Alliteration
- ▶ Onomatopoeia
- ▶ Hyperbole
- ▶ Personification
- ▶ Metonymy
- ▶ Oxymoron
- ▶ Palindrome

SIMILE

A simile is the comparison of two unlike things using **like** or **as**.



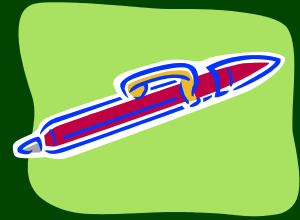
He eats **like** a pig.



You are as pretty **as** a picture.



METAPHOR



A metaphor is the comparison of two unlike things or expressions, sometimes using the verb "to be," and not using like or as (as in a simile).

"To be" (am, is, are, was, were)

METAPHOR

He **is** a pig.

My love is red rose.

He is a dog.

"You **are** a tulip."



From "A Meditation for his Mistress"

~Robert Herrick

ALLITERATION

Alliteration is the **repetition** of initial consonant sounds of neighboring words.

Sally **s**ells **s**eashells by the **s**eashore.





ALLITERATION

"She left the **H**eaven of **H**eroes and came down
To **m**ake a **m**an to **m**ee**t** the **m**ortal need,
A **m**an to **m**atch the **m**ountain**s** and the sea,
The friendly **w**elcome of the **w**ayside **w**ell."

From "Lincoln, the Man of the People"

~Edwin Markham

ONOMATOPOEIA

(on-uh-mat-uh-pee-uh)

An onomatopoeia is a word that imitates the **sound** it represents.

The **chiming** of the bells...



The **boom** of the explosion...



The Hissing of the snake...

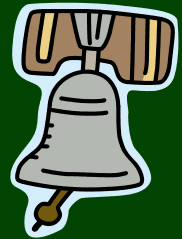
ONOMATOPOEIA

"Tinkling sleigh bells

clanging fire bells

Mellow chiming wedding bells

Tolling, moaning, and groaning funeral bells"

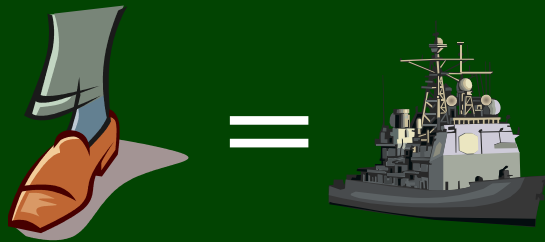


From "The Bells"

~Edgar Allan Poe

HYPERBOLE

A hyperbole is an **exaggeration** or an **overstatement**.



His feet are **as big as boats**!

I nearly **died laughing**!

HYPERBOLE

"Here once the embattled farmers stood
And fired the shot heard round the world."

From "The Concord Hymn"

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

- This bag weights a ton.



PERSONIFICATION

Giving **human** qualities to
things that are not human

My cell phone is weeping.



The moon **looked** down at me.

Metonymy

A figure of speech in which an object's name is replaced with another name that is closely associated with it.

- The white house - in place of president
- Pen - for written word

OXYMORON

Words that are **opposites** used side by side

Painful **pleasure**

Clearly **confused**

Dark **Light**

PALINDROME

Words that are the **same** spelled **front**
wards and **backwards**

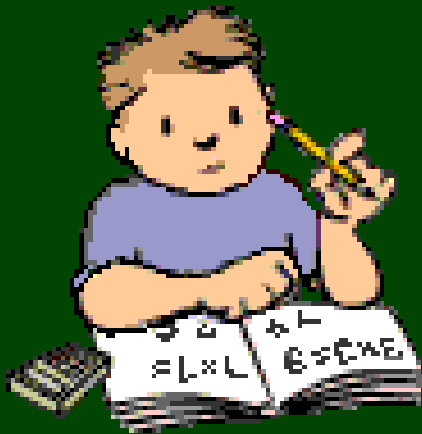


Stanley Yelnats

Racecar

Evil Olive

Test Your Knowledge!



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

He **clattered** and **clanged** as he washed the dishes.



- (A) Símile
- (B) Onomatopoeia
- (C) Hyperbole

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

Life **is** a beach!



- (A) Metaphor
- (B) Alliteration
- (C) Simile

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

"Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers."

~Mother Goose



- (A) Onomatopoeia
- (B) Hyperbole
- (C) Alliteration

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

The river falls under us **like** a trap door.

(A) Onomatopoeia

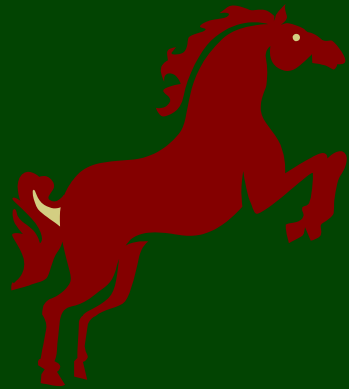
(B) Simile

(C) Metaphor



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

I'm so hungry I could eat a horse!



(A) Hyperbole

(B) Metaphor

(C) Onomatopoeia

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

"Don't delay dawn's disarming display.
Dusk demands daylight."

From "Dewdrops Dancing Down Daisies"

~Paul McCann

- (A) Onomatopoeia
- (B) Alliteration
- (C) Hyperbole



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

I've heard that joke a billion times, but it still cracks me up!



- (A) Simile
- (B) Metaphor
- (C) Hyperbole

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

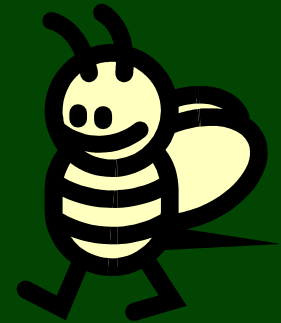
The glass vase is as fragile as a child's sandcastle.

- (A) Metaphor
- (B) Alliteration
- (C) Simile



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

The buzzing bee startled me!



- (A) Hypberbole
- (B) Onomatopoeía
- (C) Metaphor

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

She looked at him with fire in her eyes.



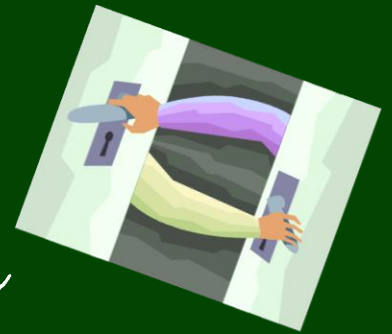
(A) Alliteration

(B) Simile

(C) Metaphor

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

The sun draped its arms
around my shoulders



- A) Personification
- B) Oxymoron
- C) Palindrome

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Pen is mightier than sword.



A) Personification

B) metonymy

C) Oxymoron

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

You looked pretty ugly in that dress.



- A) Onomatopoeia
- B) Oxymoron
- C) Alliteration

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

The boy shouted, "Madam, I'm Adam!"



- A) Personification
- B) Oxymoron
- C) Palindrome

THANK YOU

ANY QUESTIONS?

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