

Literary Devices/Figurative Language

Authors use many different literary devices to express themselves in original ways. Figurative language in your writing can add to your voice as well as paint a clear picture of what you are expressing to your reader. Look at the definitions and examples below of some of the more common types of figurative language. **Then add an original example of each type of figurative language in the space provided.**

Figure of Speech	Definition	Example	My Example
Simile	A comparison of two things using the word "like or as"	<i>My English teacher is as creative as Shakespeare.</i>	
Metaphor	A comparison of two things without using the words <i>like</i> or <i>as</i>	<i>The sun is a flower.</i>	
Hyperbole	An exaggeration to create a strong response	<i>The new driver waited an eternity to make a left turn.</i>	
Personification	Giving human qualities to a non-human.	<i>The tree watches him sleep.</i>	
Onomatopoeia	Using words to imitate the sounds they name.	<i>Boom, crash, sizzle, buzz</i>	
Alliteration	The repetition of the same initial letter, sound, or group of sounds in a series of words.	<i>Spiky stones spotted the sidewalk.</i>	

As you write to the prompt on the next page, use figurate language to express yourself.

High School Writing Prompt

The school board is deciding to add a new school holiday.

Think of a day you would choose as a new school holiday.

Now write to convince the School Board to accept your choice of a new school holiday.

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