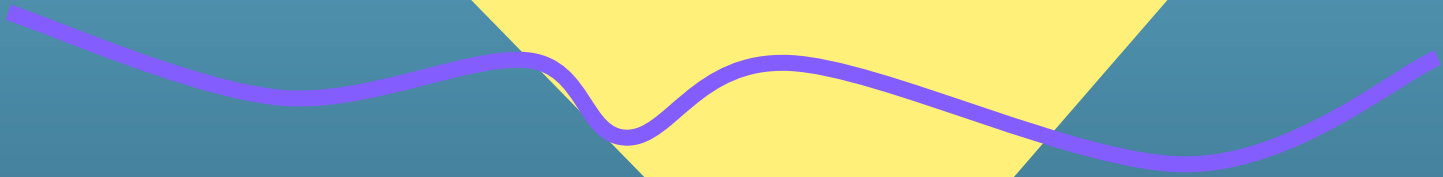


*Figurative
Language*



Literal vs. Figurative Language



- **Literal Language** - You say exactly what you mean. You make no comparison, and you do not exaggerate or understate the situation.



- **Figurative Language** - You DON'T say exactly what you mean. You DO compare, exaggerate, and understate the situation. You use similes, metaphors, hyperboles, and other figures of speech to make your writing more exciting.



Literal or Figurative???



1. Grant always turns in his homework.
2. The water was rising in the river because of the rain.
3. Her teeth are like stars because they come out at night.
4. When she sings her voice is like velvet.
5. Half of the class did not complete the assignment.
6. I'm so hungry I could eat a horse.
7. Mike was so angry that steam was coming out of his ears.
8. The zebras cried when the wise old elephant died.
9. I've told you a million times to clean up your room.

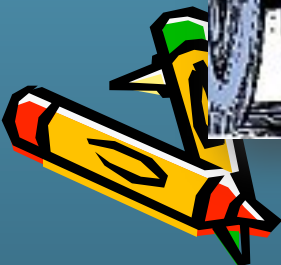


Literal or Figurative???



1. The snow was coming down by the bucket-fulls.
2. Mary is always dressed neatly.
3. Native Americans believed that the sun was a god.
4. These bags are so heavy my arms are falling off.
5. Mrs. Brown sometimes gives us too much homework.





Seven Types of Figurative Language



- Simile
- Hyperbole
- Alliteration
- Metaphor
- Personification
- Onomatopoeia
- Oxymoron



Simile

- comparing two unlike things using the words “like” or “as”.

Her eyes were like stars.



Susan is as gentle as a kitten.

Hyperbole

- an exaggeration so dramatic, no one could believe it; overstate to emphasize a point.

This bag weighs a ton!

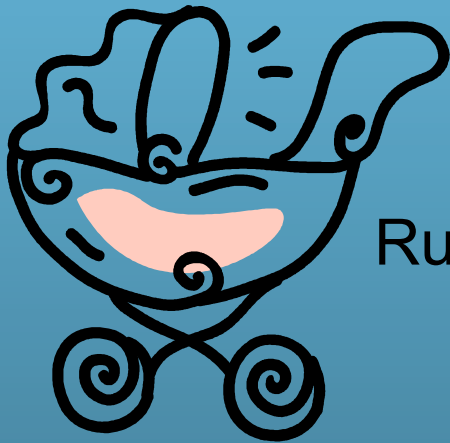
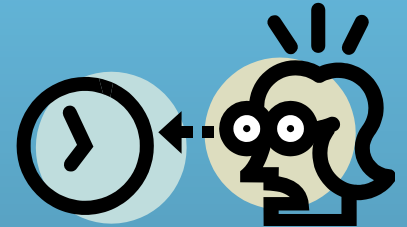


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Alliteration

- the repeating of the same letter or sound, especially consonant sounds...including tongue twisters.

Miss Warren was worried
when Wendy was waiting.



Rubber baby buggy bumpers.

Peter Piper picked a peck of
pickled peppers.



Alliteration in Poetry

A flea and a fly in a flue

Were imprisoned, so what could they
do?

Said the fly, “Let us flee!”

“Let us fly,” said the flea;

So they flew through a flaw in the flue.



Metaphor

- comparing two unlike things without using like or as. Calling one thing, another. Saying one thing is something else.

He's a lion when he fights.



Her eyes were sparkling emeralds.

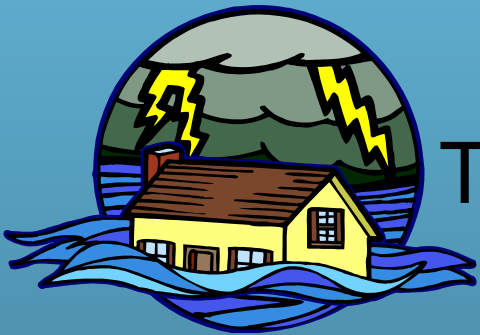


My love is a red, red rose.



Personification

- giving human characteristics to things that are not human.



The angry flood waters slapped the house.

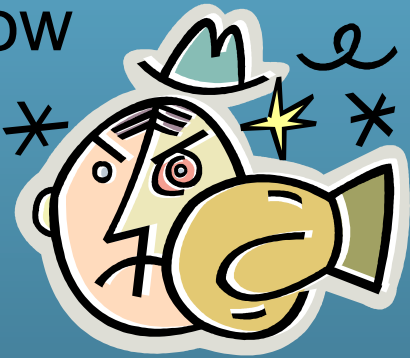
The sun smiled down on us.



Onomatopoeia

- the use of a word to describe or imitate a natural sound made by an object or action. Words that sound like what they mean.

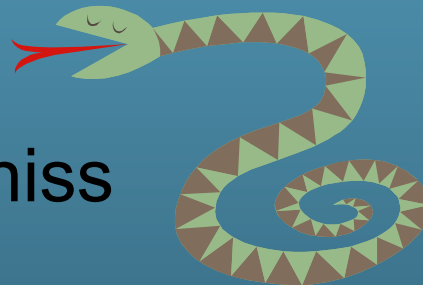
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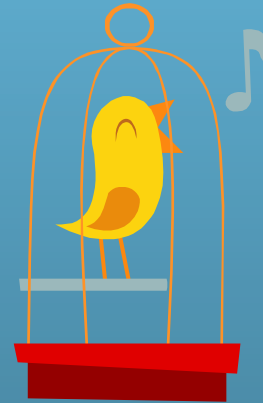
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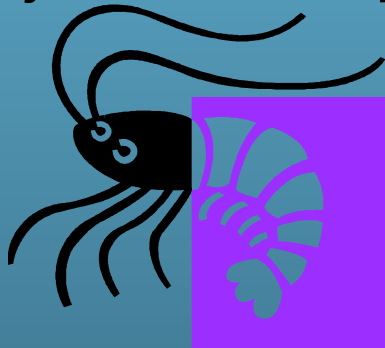
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words or phrases in which
contradictory or opposite
terms are used together

baby grand



jumbo shrimp



act naturally



climb down



adult child



Personification, simile, metaphor, oxymoron, hyperbole, alliteration, or onomatopoeia???



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The Road Not Taken

by Robert Frost 1874 - 1963

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

