

Figurative Language Adventure with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To identify and understand the use of similes, metaphors, and personification in a text.

Read the poem written by Leo the Lion. Look carefully for examples of figurative language, then answer the questions below.

The Golden Morning

The sun is a golden coin in the sky,
Watching the world with a bright, glowing eye.
The wind whispered secrets to the swaying trees,
While the grass danced happily in the breeze.

I felt as brave as a knight in a play,
Ready to tackle the challenges of the day.
My heart was a drum, beating fast in my chest,
As I set off on my morning quest.

Word bank: Simile · Metaphor · Personification · Literal · Imagery

1. Find and write down one simile from the poem. How do you know it is a simile? (2 marks)

2. Leo writes: 'The sun is a golden coin in the sky'. Is this a simile or a metaphor? Why? (2 marks)

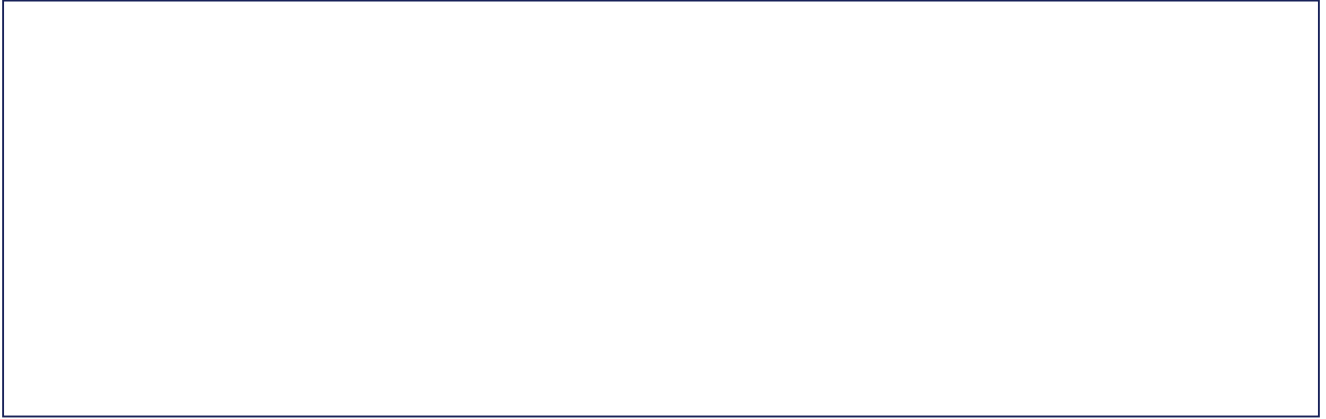
3. Which line in the poem is an example of personification? Explain what the object is doing that a human would do. (2 marks)

4. What does Leo mean when he says 'My heart was a drum'? Describe the feeling he is trying to share. (2 marks)

5. Can you rewrite the sentence 'The grass danced happily' using literal language (telling exactly what happened without using a figure of speech)? (1 mark)

6. Why do you think Leo used figurative language instead of just using plain, literal sentences? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the 'golden coin' sun watching over the 'dancing' grass!



Extension challenge: Challenge: Write your own short poem about a rainy day. Include at least one simile, one metaphor, and one example of personification.