

Magic with Words: Figurative Language

Learning objective: To identify and use similes, metaphors, and personification to add detail and imagery to writing.

Max the monkey thinks words are like puzzles! Help Max solve these figurative language challenges by showing what you know about similes, metaphors, and personification.

Word bank: Simile · Metaphor · Personification · Like · As

1. Which type of figurative language compares two things using the words 'like' or 'as'? Choose the correct word from the word bank. (1 mark)

2. Read this sentence: 'The wind howled through the trees during the storm.' Why is this an example of personification? (2 marks)

3. Turn this boring sentence into a brilliant simile: 'The cake was very soft.' (2 marks)

4. A metaphor says something IS something else to show a quality. Complete this metaphor: 'The classroom was a _____ of noise!' (1 mark)

5. Look at these two phrases. Which one is a simile and which one is a metaphor?

1. He is a lion on the football pitch.
2. He is as brave as a lion. (2 marks)

6. Imagine a friendly alarm clock. Write one sentence using personification to describe how it wakes you up in the morning. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a 'cloud that looks like a giant marshmallow'. This is a simile! Label your drawing with the sentence you used.



Extension challenge: Can you write a short poem about a thunderstorm using at least one simile, one metaphor, and one example of personification?