

Paint a Picture with Words: A Guide to Figurative Language

Unleash your imagination and make your writing sparkle!

- A simile compares two things using the words 'like' or 'as'. For example: 'The lion was as brave as a mountain.'
- A metaphor says one thing is another thing to show they share a quality. For example: 'The night sky was a velvet blanket of stars.'
- Personification gives human feelings or actions to non-human things. For example: 'The wind whispered secrets through the trees.'
- Onomatopoeia are words that sound like the noise they describe, such as 'splash', 'fizz', or 'thud'.
- Alliteration is the repetition of the same sound at the start of words close together. For example: 'Seven silver swans swam swiftly.'

Did you know? Did you know that the word 'metaphor' comes from the ancient Greek word 'metaphora', which means 'to transfer'? When you use a metaphor, you are transferring the qualities of one thing onto another to help your reader see it in a whole new way!

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