

Mastering Figurative Language with Zara the Zebra

Paint your writing with words! Use these tools to turn ordinary sentences into extraordinary stories.

- A simile compares two different things using the words 'like' or 'as', such as: 'The river was as smooth as glass.'
- A metaphor says one thing IS another thing to create a strong image, such as: 'The snow was a white blanket over the village.'
- Personification gives human qualities to objects or animals, such as: 'The wind whistled secrets through the trees.'
- Onomatopoeia uses words that sound like the noise they describe, such as: 'The bacon sizzled in the pan with a loud crackle.'
- Alliteration repeats the same starting sound in a group of words, such as: 'Seven silver swans swam silently.'
- Hyperbole is a deliberate exaggeration used for effect, such as: 'I have told you a million times to tidy your desk!'

Did you know? Did you know? Figurative language doesn't just describe things; it creates a 'mental movie' for your reader. When you use a simile to compare a stormy sky to a grumpy giant, your reader can actually see the flashes of lightning and hear the rumbles of thunder!

Key vocabulary: Simile · Metaphor · Personification · Onomatopoeia · Alliteration · Hyperbole