

Figurative Language Adventure with Pip and Zara

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

Read the sentences carefully. Choose the correct answer for the multiple-choice questions, write 'True' or 'False' for the statements, and provide one-word answers where indicated. Aim for accuracy and pay attention to the descriptive techniques used.

Answer Key: 1. A (Simile), 2. False (It is a metaphor), 3. Personification, 4. B (Metaphor), 5. True, 6. Simile, 7. True, 8. Personification, 9. B (The sun is a golden coin), 10. False (It describes the wind as a person).

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

1. **1. Pip the caterpillar said, 'My book is as light as a feather.' What technique is this? A) Simile* B) Metaphor C) Personification D) Onomatopoeia (1 mark)**

2. **2. True or False: 'The stars are diamonds in the night sky' is an example of a simile. (1 mark)**

3. **3. Zara the zebra said, 'The trees whispered secrets to the wind.' What is this technique called? (1 mark)**

4. **4. Which of these is a metaphor? A) He ran like the wind. B) The classroom was a zoo.* C) She is as tall as a giraffe. D) The rain tapped on the glass. (1 mark)**

5. **5. True or False: Personification gives human qualities to non-human objects or ideas. (1 mark)**

6. **6. Fill in the gap: 'The icy water felt like needles on my skin' is a _____. (1 mark)**

7. **7. True or False: A metaphor states that one thing IS another thing, rather than saying it is like something else. (1 mark)**

8. **8. 'The angry storm growled at the little boat.' Which technique is used here? (1 mark)**

9. **9. Which sentence contains a metaphor? A) The flower looked like a star. B) The sun is a golden coin.* C) The clouds floated softly. D) The grass was as green as emeralds. (1 mark)**

10. 10. True or False: 'The clock ticked happily on the wall' is a simile. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene featuring Pip the caterpillar walking through a forest where the flowers are 'wearing colorful hats' (personification) and the dew drops are 'tiny crystal beads' (metaphor).



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why an author might choose to use a metaphor instead of a simile to describe a character's personality. 2. Compare and contrast how personification and imagery affect the reader's mood. 3. Justify your answer: Is 'The car groaned as it went up the hill' an effective use of personification? Why? 4. What might happen to a story if it contained no figurative language at all? 5. Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) about a rainy day using at least one metaphor and one personification. 6. Challenge: Rewrite a simple sentence like 'The cat sat on the mat' using a sophisticated metaphor to make it sound more mysterious.