

Mastering Figurative Language with Max and Zara

Learning objective: To identify, define, and evaluate the impact of figurative language devices in descriptive writing.

Key Vocabulary

Use this reference mat to help you identify how authors paint pictures with words. The terms are grouped into categories to help you select the most effective device for your own writing. Max the monkey thinks these are the puzzles of language, while Zara the zebra sees them as artistic patterns.

Simile A comparison between two things using 'like' or 'as'.	Explain why an author uses a simile.	Compare and contrast Highlighting similarities and differences between two things.
Justify your answer Does using hyperbole make the description more powerful?	What might happen next?	Identify the figurative language. 'The stars danced playfully across the night sky.'
Create an oxymoron.		