

Max's Magnificent Figurative Language Challenge

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

Max the monkey is busy solving the puzzles of language today! Read each question carefully and choose the correct answer or write your response in the space provided. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Metaphor, 4.B, 5.False, 6.Personification, 7.A, 8.Hyperbole, 9.The wind whistled through the trees / The stars danced in the sky, 10.B

Word bank: Simile · Metaphor · Personification · Hyperbole · Alliteration · Imagery

1. Which of these sentences uses a simile? A) The sun was a golden coin. B) The wind whispered secrets. C) The lake was as smooth as glass.* D) I have told you a million times. (1 mark)

2. True or False: 'The hungry fire ate the logs' is an example of personification. (1 mark)

3. Identify the technique used in this sentence: 'The classroom was a zoo during the rainy lunch break.' (1 mark)

4. Which phrase is an example of hyperbole? A) The rain fell softly. B) I am so hungry I could eat a horse.* C) The cat sat on the mat. D) She was as tall as a tree. (1 mark)

5. True or False: A metaphor says that one thing *is* another thing, rather than *like* another thing. (1 mark)

6. What device is used in the sentence: 'The old house groaned under the weight of the snow'? (1 mark)

7. What is the definition of a simile? A) Comparing two things using 'like' or 'as'.* B) Giving human traits to objects. C) Exaggerating for effect. D) Saying something is something else. (1 mark)

8. 'I have a tonne of homework to finish!' What figurative device is used here? (1 mark)

9. 9. Write your own example of personification. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which sentence uses alliteration? A) The dog barked loudly. B) Peter picked purple plums.* C) The sky turned grey. D) Time flies when you are having fun. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a 'Library Forest' where the trees are giant, open books and the wind is a friendly character blowing pages through the air.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-5 sentences) describing a thunderstorm, including at least one simile, one metaphor, and one example of personification.