

Paint with Words: Figurative Language

Use your imagination to bring your writing to life!

- A Simile compares two things using 'like' or 'as'. Example: Max the monkey is as quick as a flash.
- A Metaphor says one thing IS another thing. Example: The night sky is a velvet blanket.
- Personification gives human actions to objects. Example: The wind whispered secrets through the trees.
- Onomatopoeia are words that sound like the noise they describe. Example: The bacon went sizzle in the pan.
- Alliteration uses the same starting sound for many words. Example: Pip the playful, purple caterpillar.

Did you know? Did you know? Authors use figurative language like a painter uses colors. It helps the reader 'see' the story in their head, turning plain sentences into vivid pictures!

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