



# **Figurative Language**

# Figurative language...

the use of words in a way that makes them go beyond their ordinary individual meanings.



**The water's reflection was like the sun on glass.**



Figurative language is a tool the writer uses to “paint” the coloured picture in the readers’ mind.

# **SIMILE**

A figure of speech comparing two different things using the words "like" or "as."

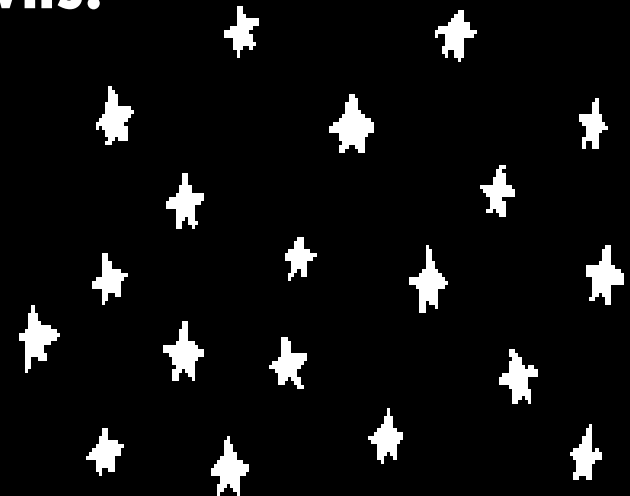
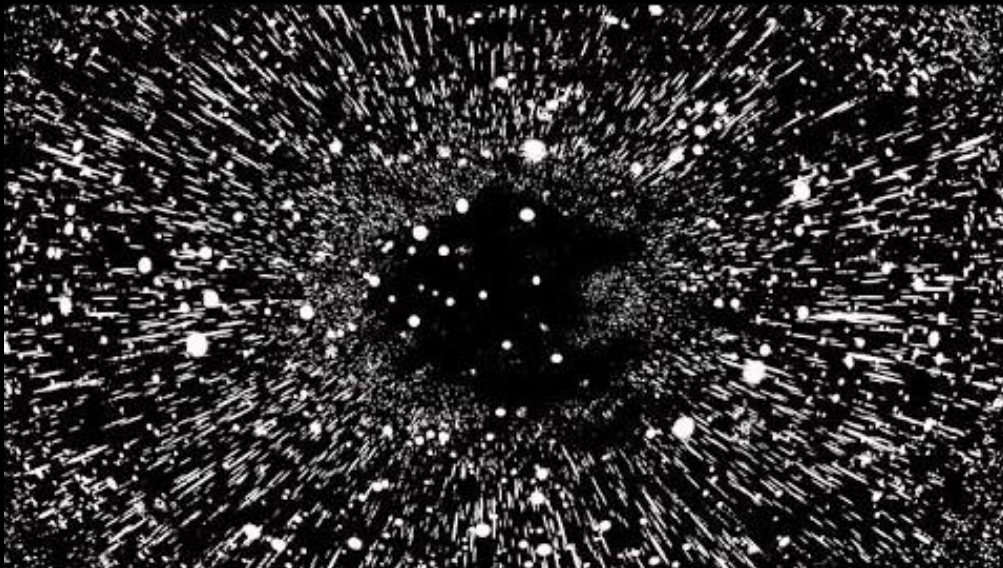


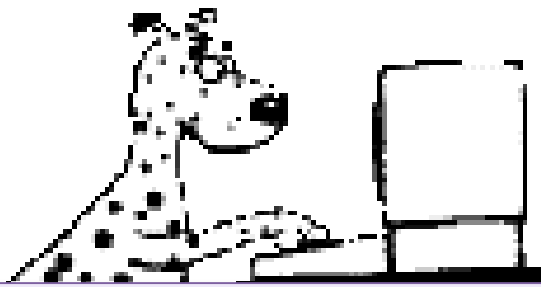
**After the football game, the boy was so sore he walked like a toy soldier.**

# Metaphor ...

A figure of speech comparing two different things without using the words "like" or "as."

**Stars are buttons off the angels' gowns.**





**Onomatopoeia ...**  
a word or words that imitate a sound



**The click, click, click of  
the keys gave Ms. Smith  
a headache.**

## Personification ...

giving human characteristics to things that are not human

The moonlight danced across the water.







# Hyperbole ...

exaggeration statement or claim not meant to be taken literally

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**Our teacher is so old he probably taught cavemen how to make a wheel.**

## Alliteration ...

figurative language using the repetition of the same consonant or consonant sounds

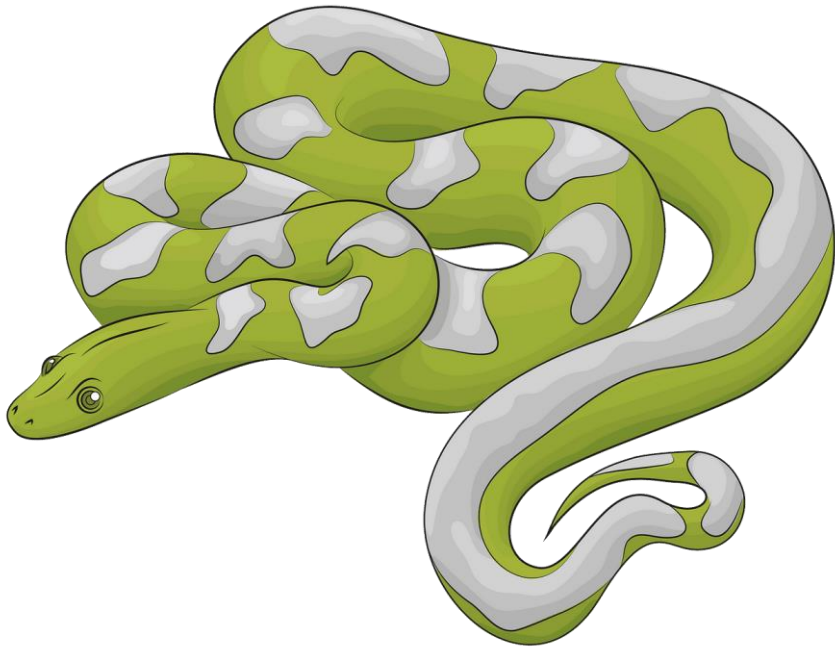
Courteous Cop Curt wrote wicked Wanda Witch a spectacular speeding ticket because she was flippantly flipping and flying over the fifty-five km an hour speed limit.





Bang, clang, and hiss are examples of what type of figurative language?

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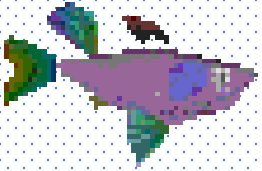
ONOMATOPOEIA



*What type of figurative language is the following sentence?*

**Helga hangs handkerchiefs on the line.**

**ALLITERATION**



***What type of figurative language  
is the following sentence?***

The boy could swim like a fish.



**SIMILE**

**What type of figurative language is used in the following sentence?**

**John is a mountain on the field.**



**Metaphor**

**Hyperbole**

**What type of figurative language is used in the following sentence?**



**Jimmy is so skinny, a skeleton looks fatter than he does!**

**HYPERBOLE**



*What type of figurative language is the following sentence?*

The trees danced  
by the shore.



# Personification