

Figurative Language

“Figuring it Out”



Figurative and Literal Language

Literally: words function exactly as defined

The car is blue.

He caught the football.

Figuratively: figure out what it means

I've got your back.

You're a doll.

^ **Figures** of Speech



Simile

Comparison of two things using “like” or “as.”

Examples

The metal twisted **like** a ribbon.

She is **as** sweet **as** candy.



Important!

Using “like” or “as” doesn’t make a simile.

A **comparison** must be made.

Not a Simile: *I like pizza.*

Simile: *The moon is like a pizza.*



Metaphor

Two things are compared **without** using “*like*” or “*as.*”

Examples

All the world **is** a stage.

Men **are** dogs.

Her heart is stone.



Personification

Giving human traits to objects or ideas.

Examples

The sunlight danced.

Water on the lake shivers.

The streets are calling me.



Hyperbole

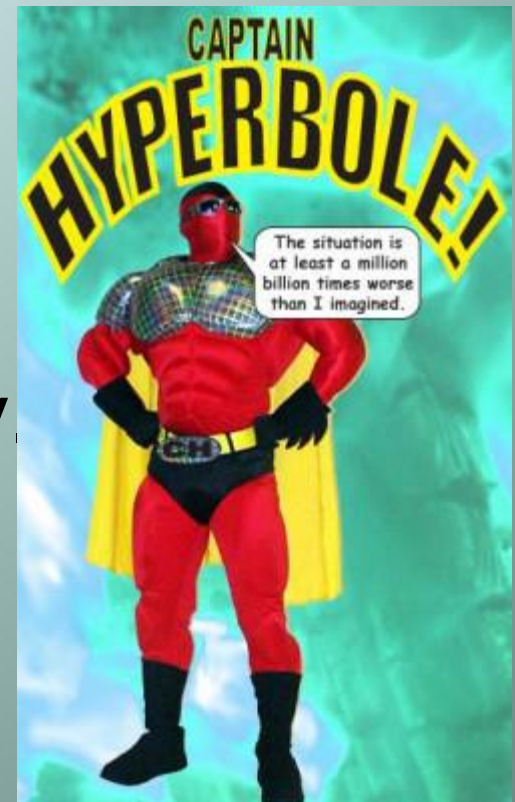
Exaggerating to show strong feeling or effect.

Examples

I will love you forever.

My house is a million miles away.

She'd kill me.



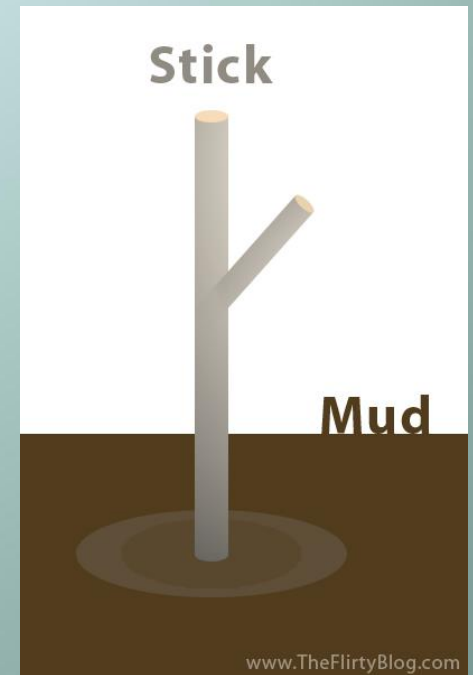
Onomatopoeia

- A word that “makes” a sound
- SPLAT
- PING
- SLAM
- POP
- POW



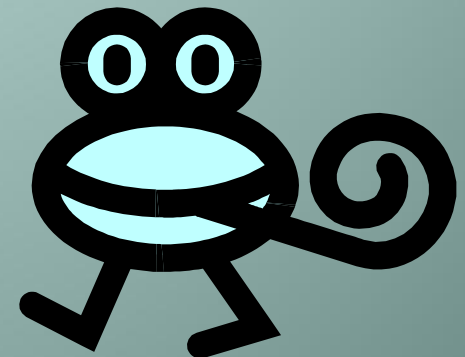
Idiom

- A saying that isn't meant to be taken literally.
- Doesn't "mean" what it says
- Don't be a stick in the mud!
- You're the apple of my eye.
- I have an ace up my sleeve.



Alliteration

- The repetition of consonant sounds at the beginnings of words
- Alliteration plays an important role in some familiar tongue twisters
- Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
- Sally sells seashells by the seashore.



Quiz

On a separate sheet of paper...

1. I will put an example of figurative language on the board.
2. You will write whether it is an **simile, metaphor, personification, hyperbole, idiom, alliteration or onomatopoeia.**
3. You **can** use your notes.

1

He drew a line as straight as an arrow.



3

Can I see you for a second?



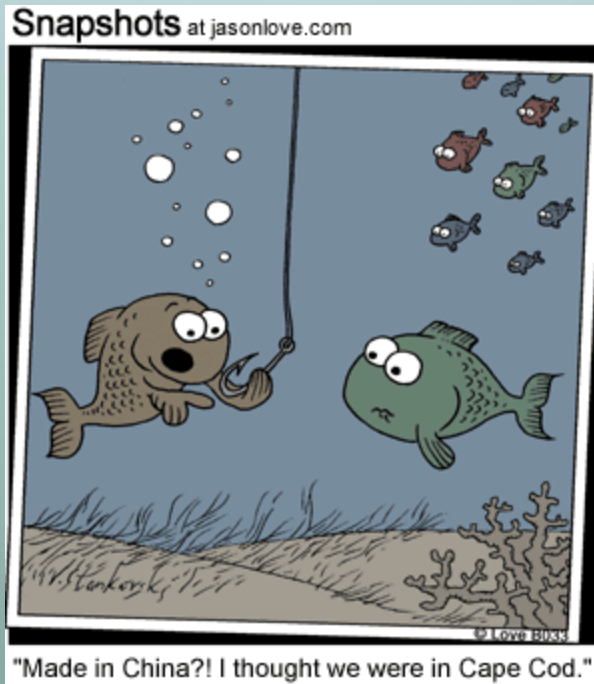
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The sun was beating down on me.



5

A flag wags like a fishhook there in the sky.



7

Ravenous and savage
from its long
polar journey,

the North Wind

is searching
for food—



8

Dinner is on the house.



10

Don't bit the hand that feeds you.



11.

- The clouds smiled down at me.



12.

- SPLAT!



13.

- She is as sweet as candy



14.

- I could sleep forever!



17.

- The wheat field was a sea of gold.



18.

- The streets called to him.



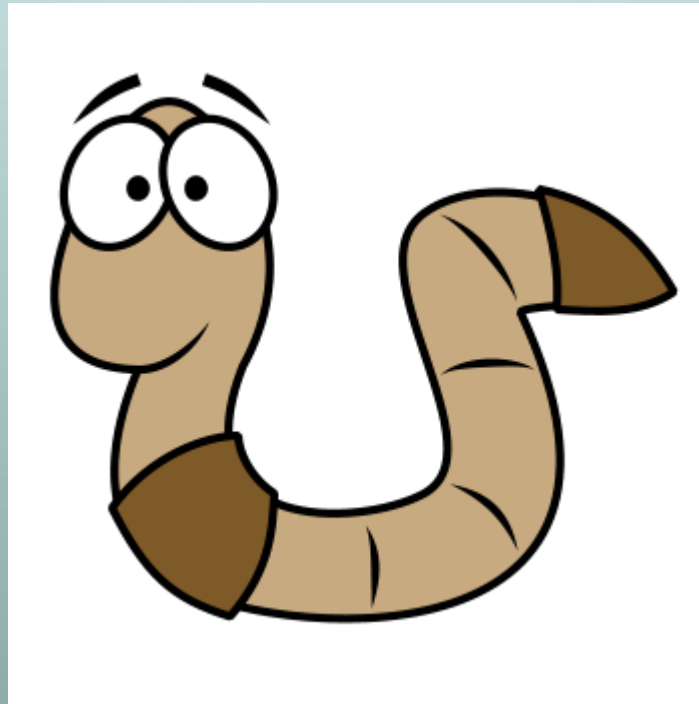
19.

- POP!



21.

- The early bird catches the worm.



23.

- Your face is killing me!



24.

- She was as white as a ghost.



25.

- She has a skeleton in her closet.

