



FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE DEVICES

English Language
Figures of Speech



Lesson Objectives

- ▶ To understand and Identify the devices of figurative language
- ▶ How to properly use:
 - ▶ Similes
 - ▶ Metaphors

What is a figure of speech?

A figure of speech is a phrase or word having different meanings than its literal meanings.

It conveys meaning by identifying or comparing one thing to another.

WHY DO WE USE FIGURES OF SPEECH?

Figurative language uses figures of speech to be more effective, persuasive, and impactful.

Figures of speech help readers make a strong connection to and have a better understanding of the words.

What is a
simile?

DEFINITION OF SIMILE



IT MAKES A
COMPARISON

IT USES TWO THINGS
THAT ARE NOT ALIKE

IT USES THE WORDS
“LIKE” OR “AS”

Example of Simile



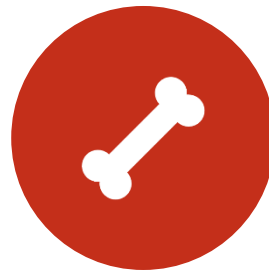
Slow like a
snail



Brave as a
lion



Sleep like a
baby



Dry as a bone



- *Her lips were red like a rose.*
- *That box is as light as a feather.*
- *My dad is as strong as an ox.*
- *My uncle is as blind as a bat.*
- *After school, he was as free as a bird.*

What is a
metaphor?

DEFINITION OF A METAPHOR

IT MAKES A DIRECT COMPARISON

IT USES TWO THINGS THAT ARE NOT ALIKE

IT DOES **NOT** USE “LIKE” OR “AS”



Boiling mad

Room was a tomb



The coast is clear



Tears were cold drops of rain

Her voice is music to his ears.

The ice cream was a snowstorm in her mouth on a hot day.

Her long hair is an ocean of waves.

The crocodile's teeth were little white knives.



Now Let's
Practice!

Can you tell if the
following sentences
use a simile or a
metaphor?

He sings like a
blue bird.

Simile or Metaphor?

Now Let's Practice!

Can you tell if the following sentences use a simile or a metaphor?

He sings like a blue bird.

Simile or Metaphor?

SIMILE

Now Let's
Practice!

He was the
shining star of
my team.

Simile or Metaphor?

Now Let's
Practice!

He was the
shining star of
my team.

Simile or Metaphor?

METAPHOR

Now Let's
Practice!

That snow is a
beautiful
white blanket.

Simile or Metaphor?

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Simile or Metaphor?

METAPHOR

Now Let's
Practice!

My hair feels
as dry as
straw.

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Simile or Metaphor?

SIMILE



Good Luck