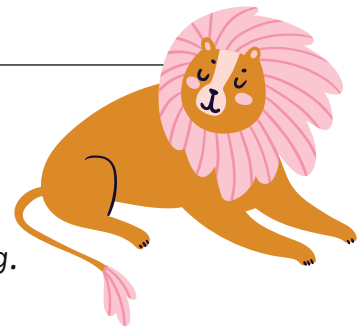


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Answer Key

Figurative Language



Use figurative language to make your writing more interesting.

a. Simile

A simile uses the words “like” or “as” to compare one object or idea with another.

Example: *He sleeps like a log.*

b. Metaphor

The metaphor states a fact or draws a verbal picture by the use of comparison.

Example: *She has the heart of a lion.*

c. Personification

A figure of speech in which human characteristics are given to an animal or object.

Example: *The trees danced in the wind.*



Directions: Read each sentence below. Name the type of figurative language shown in the words in bold print. Then write what you think each phrase means.

1. I'm as **blind as a bat** in the dark.

Type of figurative language: Simile

What the phrase means: This phrase means you can't see in the dark.

2. The argument was a **thunderstorm of words**.

Type of figurative language: Metaphor

What the phrase means: This phrase means it was a loud argument.

3. The sweater was **hugging him tightly**.

Type of figurative language: Personification

What the phrase means: This phrase means the sweater was warm and comforting.

4. The house was **as sturdy as a rock**.

Type of figurative language: Simile

What the phrase means: This phrase means the house was really sturdy.

5. The waves **ran towards the shore**.

Type of figurative language: Personification

What the phrase means: This phrase means the waves were coming closer to the shore.

6. The snowflakes were **jewels in the sky**.

Type of figurative language: Metaphor

What the phrase means: This phrase means the snowflakes glittered and shined in a pretty way.