

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

I SHAMPOO C

I SHAMPOO C is a fun, helpful mnemonic (memory) device to help you remember the different types of figurative language. This catchy acronym stands for **I**diom, **S**imile, **H**yperbole, **A**lliteration, **M**etaphor, **P**ersonification, **O**nomatopoeia, **O**xymoron, and **C**liche.

Directions: Read the definitions of each type of figurative language included in the acronym I SHAMPOO C, below. Then cut out the flip chart on the following page, adding your own example of each type of figurative language.



I **IDOM:** phrases (silly sayings) that have a different meaning from the actual words that are used | **Example:** *a chip on your shoulder*

S **SIMILE:** makes a comparison between two things by using words such as *like, as, and than*

H **HYPERBOLE:** exaggeration used for serious or comic effect
Example: *the kindest woman ever*

A **ALLITERATION:** the repetition of the same consonant sounds at the beginnings of nearby words | **Example:** *Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.*

M **METAPHOR:** a comparison of two dissimilar things that doesn't use *like* or *as*
Example: *My love is a red, red rose.*

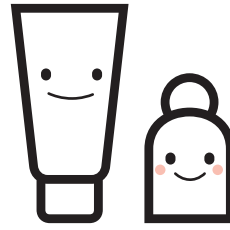
P **PERSONIFICATION:** gives an animal or object human-like characteristics (personal), qualities, or feelings | **Example:** *Those houseplants are begging for water.*

O **ONOMATOPOEIA:** the use of a word that resembles the sound (sound effects) it represents | **Example:** *quack, buzz, rattle, bang*

O **OXYMORON:** a form of paradox in which two contradictory words are used together, usually side by side in a sentence | **Example:** *near miss, old news, same difference*

C **CLICHE:** phrases and opinions that usually express a popular thought or idea but have been overused so much that they have lost their originality and impact
Example: *time will tell, every cloud has a silver lining*

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Directions: Then cut out the flip chart below, and along the dotted lines, adding your own example of each type of language in the space provided. Use this handy chart as a reference guide to remember the different types of figurative language.

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE with examples

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