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## What Is Figurative Language?

*Figurative language is a tool that authors use to help their readers visualize what is happening in a story or poem. Here are eight common types of figurative language.*

Name	Definition	Example
<b>simile</b>	a comparison of two things that are not alike, using the words “like” or “as”	His smile was as bright as the sun.
<b>metaphor</b>	a comparison of two things that are not alike, using the words “is” or “are”	Kate is a cheetah when she runs.
<b>idiom</b>	a phrase with a figurative meaning that is different than its literal meaning	Stop beating around the bush and just tell me the bad news.
<b>hyperbole</b>	an exaggeration so dramatic that it is obviously not true	I’m so hungry, I could eat a hippo!
<b>personification</b>	giving human characteristics to something nonhuman	The wind whistled a tune.
<b>alliteration</b>	when a set of words uses the same sound or letters repeatedly	Gunther gave his grandpa some green grapes.
<b>onomatopoeia</b>	sound words	Fireworks boomed above.
<b>imagery</b>	the use of descriptive words that appeal to the five senses (sight, smell, taste, touch, sound)	The silky, soft sweater blanketed me in warmth.

### Read the paragraph and look for examples of figurative language.

*Grab some crayons and use the colors from the chart above to underline each example of figurative language that you find.*

Thick, black smoke filled the air. The scent of burnt toast filled my nostrils and made my eyes water. I gasped for air like a fish out of water. In a panic, I slammed the kitchen door. It closed with a bang as I ran to get my mom. The walls in front of me swam and danced. I could tell I was getting lightheaded. I needed to get outside for fresh air! I shouted for my mom, but my voice was gravel. “What’s wrong, Willa?” I heard my mom say. “The toaster!” I shrieked. “It was stuck on the highest setting. I couldn’t turn the knob because it was a million degrees! And now my toast is burnt!” I started crying. Mom peeked in the kitchen. The smoke had cleared, and only the foul smell remained. “It’s really a blessing in disguise,” Mom said. “Now you can have pancakes for breakfast, instead of toast!”

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**You try!** Use figurative language to write your own sentences.

1. Write a simile comparing your best friend and ice cream.

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2. Write a sentence that uses alliteration and your name.

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3. List four words that are examples of onomatopoeia.

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4. Write a sentence that uses imagery to appeal to your sense of taste.

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5. In your own words, describe the meaning of this idiom: *Don't cry over spilt milk.*

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6. Write a metaphor to compare someone's eyes and the sky.

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7. Use hyperbole to describe how you feel about a chore.

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8. Use personification to describe a mountain.

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