



Figurative Language

Language Arts 6



Today's Agenda



- Figurative Language
 - Metaphor vs. Simile
 - Personification
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- Action item! Make a 3 column chart in your handy-dandy notebook!

Opening



- *“It’s raining cats and dogs.”*
- What does this mean? Why?



Figurative Language



- The meaning of a word that goes beyond the literal, dictionary, meaning by representing an idea
- Uses creative language to express an idea
- Helps paint a picture in the reader's mind
- Not to be taken literally! (No actual cats and dogs falling from the sky)



Figurative Language



- Types of figurative language:
- Metaphor
- Simile
- Personification

Types of Figurative Language



- **Metaphor:** a word or phrase for one thing that is used to refer to another thing in order to show or suggest that they are similar. *Example: The snow is a white blanket.*
- **Simile:** a phrase that uses the words *like* or *as* to describe someone or something by comparing it with someone or something else that is similar. *Example: She was as busy as a bee.*

Simile or Metaphor? What does it mean?



- Life is like a bouncy ball.
- Homework is a brussel sprout.
- My love is like a rose.
- You are as funny as a trip to the dentist.
- His words were like a dagger in my heart.
- You are my hat.

Personification



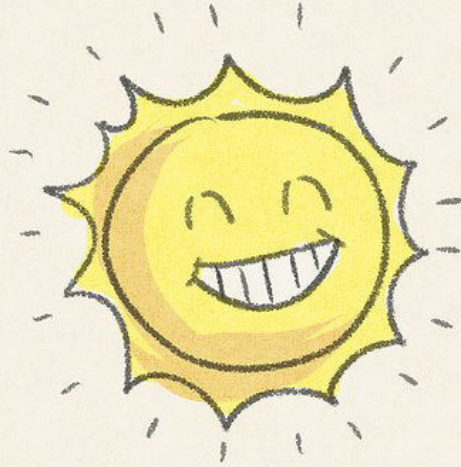
- a type of figurative language in which a nonhuman subject is given human characteristics
- *“The leaves waved in the wind”*
- *The wind whistled all night long”*



Personification



Positive



The sun happily greeted everyone 'good morning'.

Negative



The sky turned dreary as the glum clouds enveloped it.

Personification



- *Write your own example of personification.
Describe one of the following nonhuman things
using personification.*
- The lightning....
- My alarm clock...
- The car...
- My pet...

Simile, Metaphor, or Personification?



- The door protested as it opened slowly.
- Your explanation is as clear as mud.
- They fought like cats and dogs.
- Her voice is music to my ears.
- Our vacuum *hums* a happy tune while it cleans.
- My grandmother has a heart of gold.