

Topic 3: Figurative Language

EN110



+ 1. SIMILE +

- + - Comparing two (2) unlike things using like or as.

Ex:

- She sways like a pearl.
- She hangs like a star.
- His temper was as explosive as a volcano.

Patterns in Simile:

Verb + like + noun

As + Adjective + as + Noun

+ 2. METAPHOR

- + - Comparison between two (2) unlike things that actually have something important in common.

Ex:

- Life is one big roller coaster ride.
- The boy is a fish in the water.
- He is my knight in shining armor.

+ 3. PERSONIFICATION +

- + - Representing an inanimate object or an abstract idea as a person and endowing it with human traits.

Ex:

- The sun stretched his golden arms and greeted everyone with his kind smile.
- The trees were fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

+ 4. HYPRBOLE +

- + - It is a major exaggeration or overstatement.
Authors use this figures of speech to emphasize a point or humor.

Ex:

- I nearly dies laughing.
- I've told you a million times.
- My backpack weighs a tom.

+ 5. OXYMORON +

- + - A figure of speech in which incongruous or contradictory terms appear side by side.

Ex:

- Act naturally.
- Original copy.
- Alone together.
- Pretty ugly
- Found missing

+ 6. PARADOX +

- + - A statement that appears to contradict itself.

Ex:

- War is peace.
- Freedom is slavery.
- Ignorance is strength.
- Some day you will be old enough to start reading fairy tales again.

+ 7. APOSTROPHE +

- + - The addressing of a usually absent person therefore the subject is not present or inanimate.

Ex:

- Alarm clock, please don't fail me.
- Oh rose, how sweet you smell and how bright you look!

+ 8. ONOMATOPOEIA +

- + - A word that sounds like its meaning. It can also be described as the use of the word which imitates a sound such as screech, whirr, crunch, bang, roar, growl, click, snap and pop.

Ex:

- A snap of a finger.
- The camera clicks smoothly.
- The wild bang of a rockstar.

+ 9. ALLITERATION +

- + - The repetition of beginning consonant sounds and frequent recurrence of the same initial letter or sound.

Ex:

- Don't drink and drive.
- Six silly swans went swimming in the sea.
- Coca cola, Mickey Mouse, Dunking Donut, Kitkat, Spongebob Squarepants.

+ 10. IRONY +

- + - A situation that is strange or funny because things happen in a way that seems to be the opposite of what you expected.

Ex:

- He is as smart as a soap dish.
- The titanic was said to be unsinkable but sank on its first voyage.
- I lost my wallet. This is my lucky day.