

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

What Is Figurative Language?

When authors use figurative language, they use **similes**, **metaphors**, **hyperbole**, **onomatopoeia**, **personification**, and **idioms** to make their writing more descriptive.

Examples:

Simile: a **comparison** of two items using the words *like* or *as*
*Jan's eyes are **as blue as the Caribbean Sea**.*

Metaphor: a **comparison** of two items without using the words *like* or *as*
Michael is a clown.

Hyperbole

Onomatopoeia

Personification

Idiom:



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Try This!

1] Tom's teeth are **as white as the newly fallen snow**.

Both Tom's teeth and the snow are _____.

- a] decayed
- b] yellow
- c] white
- d] cold

2] Kate's **bedroom is a pigsty**.

Both Kate's bedroom and a pigsty are _____.

- a] messy
- b] neat
- c] clean
- d] orderly