

Figurative

Language Unit

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onomatopoeia

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Onomatopoeia Examples:

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The pig squealed when it saw the dog coming.

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Metaphor: A figure of speech stating two things are similar.

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The strawberry was a fresh summer day.

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Examples of Idioms

Apple of my eye-feeling affection for someone

A dime a dozen-something so common that it has little value, no need

A taste of your own medicine-a lesson where other people treat you the same way you treat them in order to teach you that you are acting badly ...

Back to the drawing board-figuring out a new solution to a problem

Ball is in your court-it is up to you to make a decision

Bend over backwards-helping someone

Bite your tongue-stopping yourself from saying something that will hurt someone's feelings

Blowing your top-becoming extremely angry

Break a leg-do a great job

Breaking news-important information that just happened

Breaking the ice-getting to know someone

Call the shots-tell people what to do, in charge

Changing your mind-deciding to do something else

Clear the air-talk about a problem

Come in handy-something that is useful

Cracking up-thinking something is funny, laughing

Cup of Joe-cup of coffee

Cut it out-stop doing something

Cutting corners-to take a shortcut, to find a cheaper or easier way of doing something

Dead as a doornail-lifeless



Examples of Idioms

Don't rock the boat-do not cause problems

Going out on a limb-taking a risk

Hit the road-leave

Hit the hay/sack-you are going to go to sleep

I'm all ears-ready to listen

Lend someone a hand-help someone out

That is over her/his head-they don't understand

Penny pincher-someone who does not spend a lot of money and likes to buy things cheap

Piece of cake-easy or simple

State of the art-the best

Stealing my thunder-taking the attention away from someone's accomplishments and achievements

Take a hike-telling someone to leave

Take a rain check-declining now, but suggesting you may say yes in the future

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree-a child growing up to be very similar to their parents with similar characteristics

The drop of a hat-doing something instantly before anything else, stopping what you are doing to do something else

The early bird gets the worm-whoever arrives first has the best chance of success

Under the weather-ill or sick

Wake up and smell the coffee-Start paying attention to what is happening around you

Walking on eggshells-being very careful because someone gets easily offended or angry

We are in the same boat-being in the same situation or having the same problem as others

Zip your lip-be quiet

Similes

Find the similes. Highlight or underline them.

1. The clock struck midnight and the sky was as black as ink.
2. The new couch was as big as a bus and could hardly fit inside their small living room.
3. She forgot her glasses and felt as blind as a bat, so she had difficulty reading.
4. She forgot her homework four days in a row and felt as flaky as a snowstorm.
5. After getting all the questions correct on her test, she felt as wise as an owl.
6. The snobby and conceited girl treated everyone badly and was as cold as ice.
7. I needed my sunglasses inside since the lights were as bright as day.
8. The new baby looked as cute as a cupcake in his brand new giraffe sweater.
9. Her brand new puppy was as cute as a button when he chased his tail in circles.
10. The frog wasn't moving because it was as dead as a doornail.
11. When everyone is sleeping, the house is as quiet as a mouse.
12. When she graduated from high school, her mom was as proud as a peacock.
13. When the school bell rings at the end of the day I feel as free as a bird.
14. She accidentally dropped the meatball and it was as flat as a pancake.
15. She ate the huge pizza all by herself and felt as fat as a pig.
16. She exercised and ate healthy things all week and felt as light as a feather.
17. Finding the ring she lost was like finding a needle in a haystack.
18. The girl walked as slow as a snail because she was so exhausted.
19. The class was as quiet as a mouse because they didn't want to get in trouble.
20. She was so cozy in her bed she felt as snug as a bug in a rug.

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22. He wouldn't change his mind and was told he was as stubborn as a mule.
23. She felt as sick as a dog when she had the flu and didn't go to school yesterday.
24. She didn't care what others said about her because she was as tough as nails.
25. The extraordinary girl was as sweet as honey and was voted class president.
26. She was so scared that she turned as white as a ghost.
27. The dog's fur looked as fluffy and white as snow after getting his hair washed.
28. The basketball players all looked as tall as giraffes to the people in the audience.
29. The ants at the picnic were as welcome as a skunk at a lawn party.
30. He stayed out in the sun all day and after his face looked as red as a tomato.
31. He hadn't eaten the entire day at school and felt as hungry as a bear.
32. The class acted like busy bees getting ready for open house later that day.
33. When she made her speech she felt like a bug under a magnifying glass.
34. He disappeared as quick as a wink when his mom asked him to do chores.
35. The girl acted as nutty as a fruitcake when she wouldn't stop laughing.
36. Someone stole all of the money in her wallet and she felt as poor as dirt.
37. She felt as fit as a fiddle after completing the twelve week exercise program.
38. Her dad looked like a bald badger because he lost all his hair.
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Metaphor Examples

Highlight or underline the 2 things being compared in each metaphor.

Their mom was the rock of the family.

The ship was a tiger roaring through the water.

The airplane was an elephant running on the runway.

The girl was a kitten to the new baby.

Time was a thief to me this year.

Her memory is cloudy since she can never remember anything.

Her life was a rainbow of experiences.

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The homework list was miles long.

The alarm clock could be heard around the world it was so loud.

I felt like I hadn't seen you in years.

I could eat every hamburger on this planet, I was so hungry.

She thought she was the best tennis player on this planet.

The class was never ending.

Her brain was the size of a pea.

I will die if I have to read one more page, I am so tired.

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The old and tattered house looked depressed.

The wind howled during the rainstorm.

Time flies when you are having a great time.

Her life passed by so quickly.

The phone blurted out a loud ring.

The popular toy flew off the shelves during the holidays.

The fire ran wild and spread really quickly putting the homes in danger.

The year raced by and before we knew it, summer was here.

The thunder growled in the night.

The girl's heart skipped down the street when she got nervous.

The boy's shirt yelled my name since it was so bright.

The snow wrapped the trees in white, fluffy blankets.

The cookies screamed, "I'm done!" from the oven.

The city streets whispered quietly during the night.

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Fizz

Snap

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Gobble

Snort

Chomp

Honk

Splash

Chug

Pop

Squeak

Click

Quack

Squirt

Crack

Ring

Tick-Tock

Crackle

Roar

Whoosh

Alliteration

Alliteration uses repeated consonant sounds at the beginning of each word. Write two examples below.

letter:

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Figurative Language Game

Cut out the strips and distribute to students. Have the student read their sentence out loud .
Students must tell what type of figurative language is being used and WHY they chose that type of Figurative Language.

✂ Cut on the line and distribute one per student. ✂

There was a tremendously loud CRASH outside my window on the street.

I felt like my sister was a million miles away when she left for college.

The girl looked as cozy as a soft kitten when she fell asleep on her blanket.

The sun was a glowing ball of fire in the sky.

She was down in the dumps when her friend moved away.

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The bugs went SPLAT on the windshield when we were driving to the campsite.

The warm smile of the sun made me happy that summer was finally here.

I had thousands of chores to do before the day was over.

She was treated like a queen on her birthday.

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She was so hungry she could eat a horse.

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The moon was a bright ball of smoke in the night sky.

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Linda liked laughing and licking lollipops.

Their was a BOOM when the box fell off the desk onto the floor.

The car died on the side of the road when it ran out of gas.

His dad could lift over two tons because he exercised every single day.

The lemons she used in the dessert tasted like sour grapes.

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The class was cracking up at his jokes.

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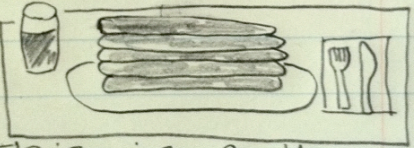
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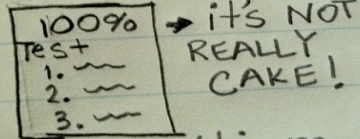
Hyperbole
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This is a Hyperbole
because it uses
exaggeration.

Idiom

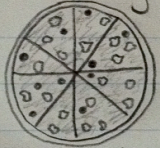
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This is an idiom
because it is just
an expression. A piece
of cake means simple,
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Metaphor

My Metaphor
There was a rainbow
of flavors in the
pizza tonight.




No rainbow
actually!
← just a
comparison

This is a metaphor since
I compared the delicious
ingredients and tastes to
all of the colors in a
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Onomatopoeia Personification

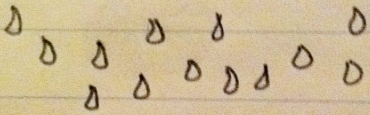
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baby

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Figurative Language Assessment

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