Simile – A comparison of two unlike things using "like" or "as"

Example: As the girl was humiliated, her cheeks turned as red as an apple. *(cheeks and apples are unlike)*

Non-Example: The girl is as tall as her brothers.
(the girl and her brothers are not unlike things; they both describe people)

TIPS: Not every sentence that contains "like" or "as" is a simile
The two things being compared must be completely different

More examples:

More non-examples:

Examples from _____:

Metaphor – **A comparison of two unlike things where one thing often becomes the other**

Example: Dad is a monster in the morning before he drinks his coffee.
(Dad and monster are dissimilar and the comparison is explained)

Non-Example: Dad is a boat.
(although Dad and a boar are dissimilar, there is no clear reason for the comparison, so it doesn't make sense as a metaphor)

TIPS: Usually contains "be" verbs: am, is, are, was, were
Comparison should be obvious or explained
Can be changed into a simile by including "like" or "as"

More examples:

More non-examples:

Examples from _____:

Hyperbole – **An exaggeration that cannot possibly be true**

Example: Josie's new friend is as skinny as a toothpick.
(no person could possibly be as thin as a toothpick)

Non-Example: Josie's new friend is as skinny as a fashion model.
(since a girl could be as thin as a model, this isn't a hyperbole.)

TIPS: Usually intended to be humorous or fun
If it could happen in real life, then it isn't a hyperbole

More examples:

More non-examples:

Examples from _____:

Personification – Giving human qualities to nonhuman things

Example: The sun smiled at the world as it rose in the morning.
(smiling is unique to humans)

Non-Example: The pink flowers swayed in the April breeze.
(although humans can sway, flowers can sway too. This characteristic is not unique to humans)

TIP: The human quality must be completely unique to humans

More examples:

More non-examples:

Examples from _____:

Alliteration – The repetition of the same initial consonant sound in a series of words

Example: Hal hit the house hard with the hammer.
(most, but not all words, start with the "h" sound)

Non-Example: Andy hit the nail with the hammer.
(only two initial "h" sound words are separated by most of the sentence)

TIP: May contain words that do not start with the same consonant

More examples:

More non-examples:

Examples from _____:

Onomatopoeia – **Words whose sounds suggest their meaning**

Example: The door slowly creaked open and then slammed shut.
(creak and slam imitate sounds)

Non-Example: "Hello"! I shouted into an empty house.
(hellos is dialogue and not a natural noise or sound)

TIP: includes animal noises such as moo, meow, his, quack, oink

More examples:

More non-examples:

Examples from _____: