



## Figurative Language

**A.** Read the sentences below. Rewrite each sentence using the literal, or actual, meaning of the figurative language.

1. Grandpa is a **library of information**.

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2. Grandma is **like the sun and the moon** to me.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. The ocean **invited us in**.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Her smile is **as bright as the sun**.

\_\_\_\_\_

**B.** Complete each sentence with a figurative expression. The first one is done for you.

5. My mother is a tower of strength.

6. Our team is as strong as \_\_\_\_\_.

7. The wind blows as \_\_\_\_\_.

8. The cat's fur was like \_\_\_\_\_.

9. The horse ran as fast as \_\_\_\_\_.

10. The sun \_\_\_\_\_.

**Figurative language** helps readers picture what is being described.

**Simile:** a comparison that uses the word *like* or *as*.

**Metaphor:** a comparison in which one thing is said to be another.



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Read each sentence below. Label it as *metaphor* or *simile*.

1. The fresh bread was as soft as a pillow.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. I felt like a baby bird learning how to fly.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. The whale was a steamship, blowing its whistle for all to hear.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. My dog was an explorer, mapping out a new course through the forest.

\_\_\_\_\_

Look at the words listed below. Write a brief description of each using a simile or a metaphor. Use two similes and two metaphors in all.

5. a basketball

\_\_\_\_\_

6. a book

\_\_\_\_\_

7. a cat

\_\_\_\_\_

8. snowflakes

\_\_\_\_\_

- A **metaphor** is a way of describing something by calling it something else. Example: *Earth is a spinning marble.*
- A **simile** is a comparison of two things using the words *like* or *as*. Example: *Earth is like a spinning marble.*
- Metaphors and similes are used to show how one thing is similar to another.



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Read each sentence. Underline the figurative language and decide whether it is a *simile* or a *metaphor*. Write your answer on the line.

The first one is done for you.

1. Ed sped around the track like a race car.

simile

2. Kara is a magician on the court.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Carlos walks as quietly as a kitten.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. On his birthday, Bryan is a king. \_\_\_\_\_

5. The airplane soared like an eagle in the sky. \_\_\_\_\_

Rewrite each sentence. Replace the underlined words with figurative language as directed. The first one is done for you.

6. He was scared. (simile)

He was shaking like a leaf.

7. The soccer field is wet. (metaphor)

\_\_\_\_\_

8. She ran quickly across the field. (simile)

\_\_\_\_\_

9. That hockey player was huge! (metaphor)

\_\_\_\_\_

10. The new girl sings great. (simile)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Similes and metaphors** are two types of **figurative language**. They help create a picture, or image, in the reader's mind.

- A **simile** is a comparison using the words *like* or *as*:  
*Amy's toes felt like ice cubes.*

- A **metaphor** is a comparison that calls one thing by another name:  
*The ocean was a blanket of blue.*