Figurative Language

Simile

Metaphor

Hyperbole

Personification
**Simile** (SIM-uh-lee)

An expression comparing one thing to another using “like” or “as”

She ran as fast as the wind.

These similes compare running and the wind using “like” or “as.”
Complete the Simile...

• My mouth felt as dry as __________.
• That kid is as _______ as a ________.
• My pillow is like ____________________.
• The night sky looked _______ as ________.
• Time is like a ____________.
**Metaphor** (MET-uh-for)

An expression that equates or compares two things **WITHOUT** using “like” or “as”

Gertrude is a real couch potato.

This metaphor says that Gertrude **IS** a couch potato, meaning she is lazy!
Complete the Metaphor...

• Jeff was a _______ when he found out his brother broke his skateboard.

• The kitten was _____________.

• Bob is a _______ because he always eats five servings and three desserts!

• Her voice is __________________.
Hyperbole (hi-PURR-bull-ee)

An obvious exaggeration that should not be taken literally

I’ve told you a MILLION times!

A million times is an exaggeration, but wow—you can see how irritated he is!
Complete the Hyperbole...

• My teacher is so smart...
• Your sister is so skinny...
• My dog is so ugly...
• I am so hungry...
• The principal is so busy...
• The basketball player is so tall...
Personification
(per-SON-i-fi-ca-tion)

A figure of speech that gives human traits to something that is not a person

The raindrops smiled as they gently fell to the earth.

Raindrops can’t smile—that is a human trait.
Personify the sentence...

Change the words in parentheses to words that would describe a human’s actions:

• My bedroom door (opened).
• The puppy (barked) when I left for school.
• The leaf (fell) from the tree.
• Hair (is) on my head.
• The net (moves) when the basketball goes through.
• The space shuttle (took off).
Name that type of Figurative Language!

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The snow whispered as it fell to the ground.
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The students are as busy as bees!
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Her brain is the size of a pea!
Name that type of Figurative Language!

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This game is as tricky as a box of monkeys!
Name that type of Figurative Language!

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Education is the highway to success.
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The daffodils nodded their yellow heads at the hikers.
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Tonight’s homework is a breeze!