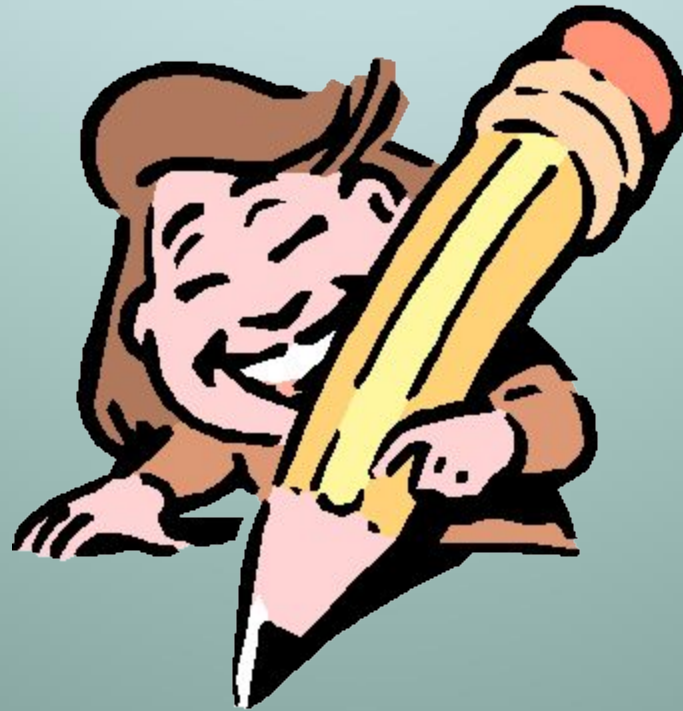


# Figurative Language

“Figuring it Out”



# Figurative and Literal Language

**Literally:** words function exactly as defined

The car is blue.

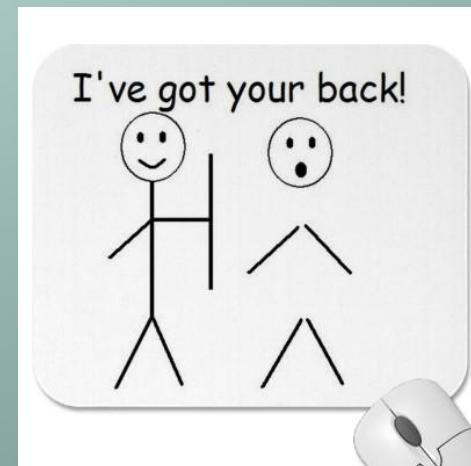
He caught the football.

**Figuratively:** figure out what it means

I've got your back.

You're a doll.

^ **Figures** of Speech



# Simile

Comparison of two things using “like” or “as.”

## Examples

The metal twisted **like** a ribbon.

She is **as** sweet **as** candy.



# Important!

Using “like” or “as” doesn’t make a simile.

A **comparison** must be made.

**Not a Simile:** *I like pizza.*

**Simile:** *The moon is like a pizza.*



# Metaphor

Two things are compared **without** using “*like*” or “*as.*”

## Examples

All the world **is** a stage.

Her heart is stone.



Icicles are jagged swords dangling from the eaves.

# Personification

Giving human traits to objects or ideas.

## Examples

The sunlight danced.

Water on the lake shivers.

The streets are calling me.



# Hyperbole

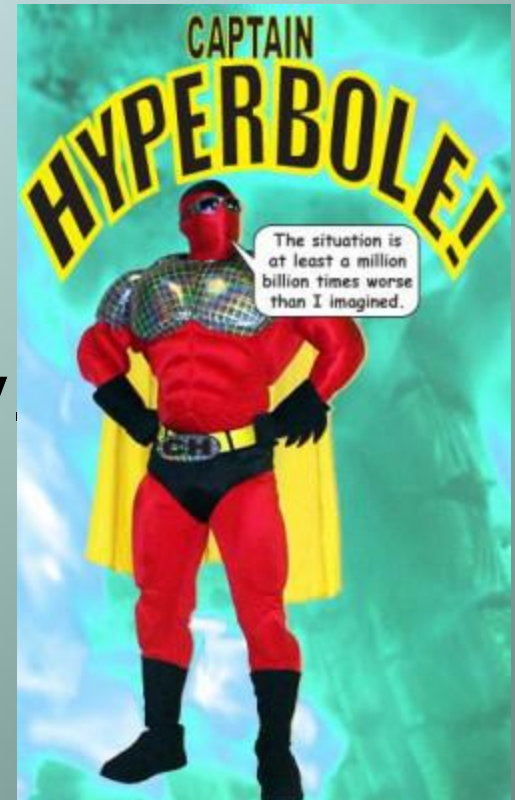
Exaggerating to show strong feeling or effect.

## Examples

I will love you forever.

My house is a million miles away.

She'd kill me.





# Understatement

Expression with less strength than expected.  
**The opposite of hyperbole.**

I'll be there in one second.

This won't hurt a bit.





# Onomatopoeia

- A word that “makes” a sound
- SPLAT
- PING
- SLAM
- POP
- POW



# Idiom

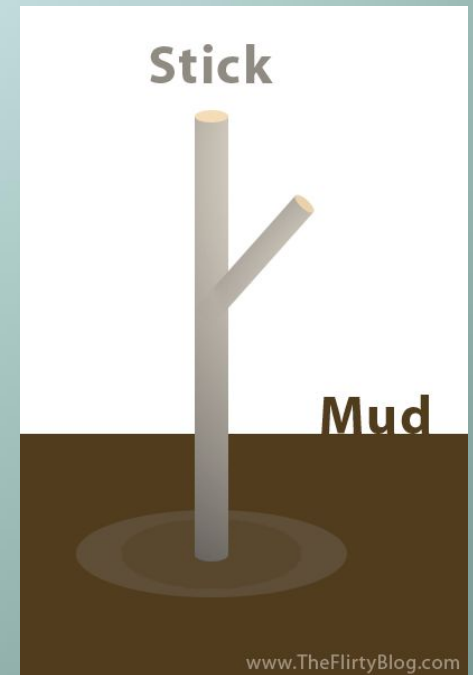
- A saying that isn't meant to be taken literally.
- Doesn't "mean" what it says

## EXAMPLES:

Don't be a stick in the mud!

You're the apple of my eye.

I have an ace up my sleeve.



# Pun

A form of “word play” in which words have a double meaning.

- I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger and then it hit me.
- I’m reading a book about anti-gravity. It’s impossible to put it down.
- I was going to look for my missing watch, but I didn’t have the time.



# Proverb

- A figurative saying in which a bit of “wisdom” is given.
- An apple a day keeps the doctor away
- The early bird catches the worm



# Oxymoron

- When two words are put together that contradict each other. “Opposites”
- Jumbo Shrimp
- Pretty Ugly
- Freezer Burn



# Quiz

**On a separate sheet of paper...**

1. I will put an example of figurative language on the board.
2. You will write whether it is an **simile**, **metaphor**, **personification**, **hyperbole**, pun, proverb, idiom, onomatopoeia, oxymoron or **understatement**.
3. You **can** use your notes.

# 1

He drew a line as straight as an arrow.





2

Can I see you for a second?



3

The sun was beating down on me.



# 4

I'd rather take baths  
with a man-eating shark,  
or wrestle a lion  
alone in the dark,  
eat spinach and liver,  
pet ten porcupines,  
than tackle the homework,  
my teacher assigns.



# 6

Dinner is on the house.



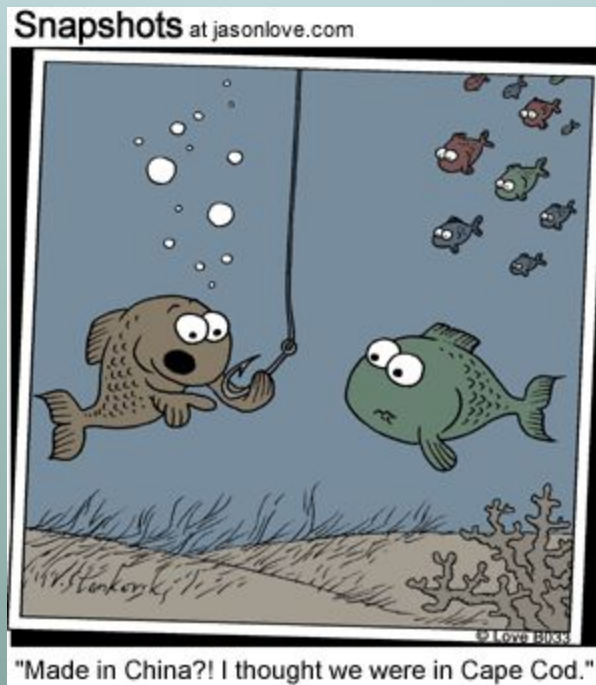
# 5

Ravenous and savage  
from its long  
polar journey,  
the North Wind  
is searching  
for food—



# 5

A flag wags like a fishhook there in the sky.



# 2

Knowledge is a kingdom and all who learn are kings and queens.





# 10

Don't bite the hand that feeds you.



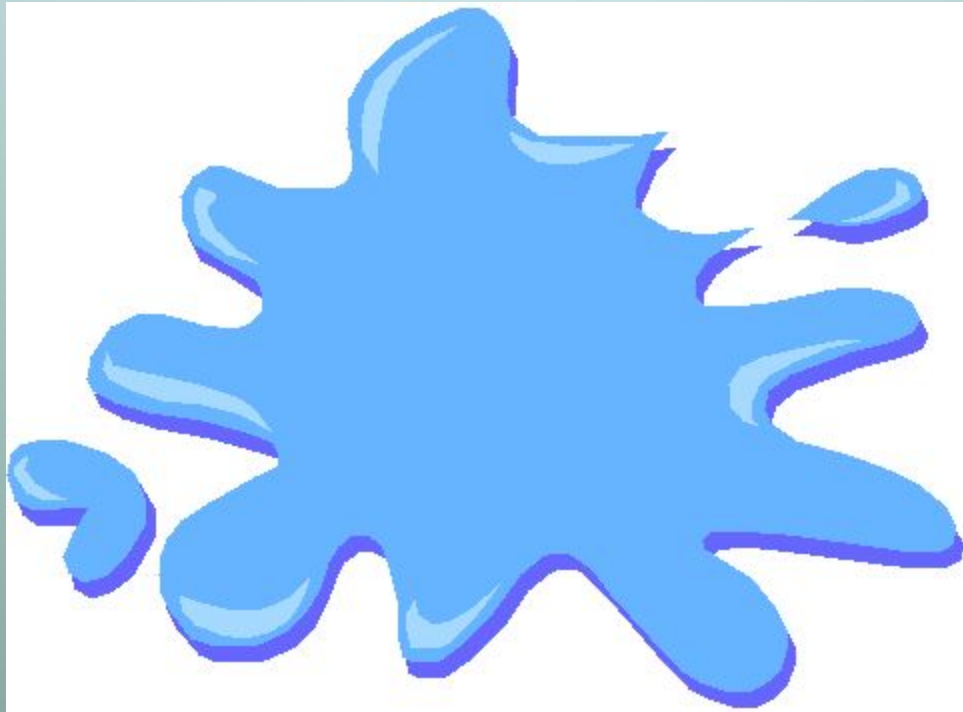
# 11.

- The clouds smiled down at me.



12.

- SPLAT!



13.

- She is as sweet as candy



# 14.

- I could sleep forever!



# 15.

- He drove his expensive car into a tree and found out how the Mercedes bends



# 17.

- The wheat field was a sea of gold.





# 18.

- The streets called to him.



# 19.

- POP!



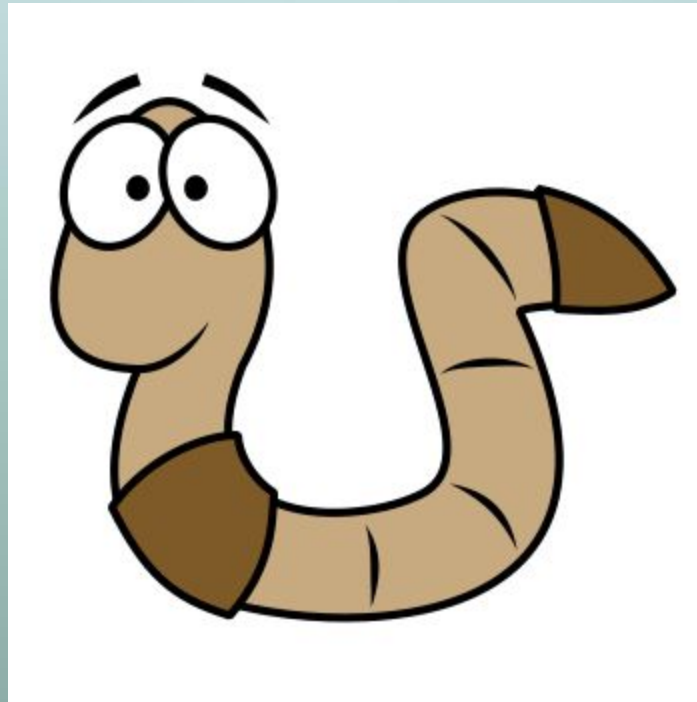
20.

- She was dressed to the nines.



# 21.

- The early bird catches the worm.



# 25.

- She has a skeleton in her closet.



# 22.

- Old news



# 23.

- Your face is killing me!





# 24.

- She was as white as a ghost.



# 16.

- I used to have a fear of hurdles, but I got over it



