

Figurative Language Practice

Similes • Metaphors • Idioms • Alliteration

Name: _____ Date: _____

SIMILE

Compares two things using **like** or **as**.

Example: The snow was **as soft as a blanket**.

METAPHOR

Compares two things by saying one thing **is** another.

Example: The classroom **was a zoo**.

IDIOM

A phrase that means something different from its exact words.

Example: The quiz was a **piece of cake**.

ALLITERATION

Words close together begin with the same sound.

Example: **Silly snakes slither slowly**.

Part 1: What Kind of Figurative Language?

Read each sentence. Circle the best answer.

1. The puppy's fur was **as soft as a fluffy cloud**.

A) Simile B) Metaphor C) Idiom D) Alliteration

2. Marcus **was a speeding rocket** as he raced to the finish line.

A) Idiom B) Metaphor C) Simile D) Alliteration

3. Mom said cleaning my room would be a **piece of cake**.

A) Metaphor B) Alliteration C) Idiom D) Simile

4. **Peter packed purple pencils** in his backpack.

A) Alliteration B) Simile C) Idiom D) Metaphor

5. The stars **were diamonds** in the dark sky.

A) Simile B) Metaphor C) Alliteration D) Idiom

6. The baby slept **like a tiny bear** in winter.

A) Idiom B) Metaphor C) Simile D) Alliteration

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Part 2: What Does It Mean?

7. After the long hike, Dad said, "I am **all ears**." What does **all ears** mean?

- A) He has large ears.
- B) He is ready to listen.
- C) He is very tired.
- D) He wants to leave.

8. The wet grass **sparkled like tiny diamonds**. What does the simile tell you?

- A) The grass was hard.
- B) Diamonds were in the grass.
- C) The grass looked bright and shiny.
- D) The grass was very tall.

9. "The classroom was a zoo during the party." What does this metaphor mean?

- A) Animals came to class.
- B) The room was noisy and busy.
- C) The class visited a zoo.
- D) The room was empty.

10. "It is time to **hit the road**," Dad said as everyone got into the car. What does the idiom mean?

- A) Fix the road.
- B) Start a trip.
- C) Run outside.
- D) Stop the car.

Part 3: Try It Yourself!

Complete each sentence using the kind of figurative language named.

11. **Simile:** The sun was as _____ as _____.

12. **Metaphor:** My little brother is a _____.

13. **Alliteration:** Write a sentence with at least three words that begin with the same sound.

14. **Idiom:** Write an idiom and explain what it really means.

Idiom: _____ Meaning: _____

Remember! Figurative language makes writing more colorful and interesting. Look for clues to figure out what the author really means.

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Answer Key

1. A - Simile
2. B - Metaphor
3. C - Idiom
4. A - Alliteration
5. B - Metaphor
6. C - Simile
7. B - He is ready to listen.
8. C - The grass looked bright and shiny.
9. B - The room was noisy and busy.
10. B - Start a trip.
- 11-14. Answers will vary.

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