

Making Sense of Figurative Language

What is Figurative Language?

A tool that authors use to help readers visualize what is happening in a story or poem. The words and phrases

Example: He ran as fast as a cheetah. (This compares a boy and a cheetah. It is saying that they both run fast. However, a cheetah runs about 70mph. That is not humanly possible for a boy to do!)

We are going to learn about these figures of speech:

Simile

Metaphor

Idiom

Hyperbole

Oxymoron

Alliteration

Onomatopoeia