

# Figurative Language

Words that paint pictures - use these tools to make your writing come alive.

## SIMILE

Compares one thing to another using **like** or **as**.

- She ran **like a cheetah**.
- The lake was **as still as glass**.
- His eyes were **like sparkling stars**.
- The room was **as cold as ice**.
- She sang **like a nightingale**.
- He was **as brave as a lion**.

## METAPHOR

Says one thing **IS** another - a direct comparison.

- The classroom **was a zoo**.
- His words **were daggers**.
- The moon **was a silver coin**.
- Time **is a thief**.
- Her voice **was music**.
- Life **is a journey**.

## PERSONIFICATION

Gives non-human things **human qualities or actions**.

- The wind **whispered** secrets through the trees.
- The flowers **danced** in the breeze.
- The old house **groaned** in the storm.
- The sun **smiled** down on the children.
- The clock **watched** me work.
- Hunger **knocked** at her door.

## ALLITERATION

Words next to each other starting with the **same sound**.

- **Silly Sally sang** sweetly.
- The **big brown bear boomed**.
- **Peter Piper picked** peppers.
- **Dancing daisies delight**.
- **Wild waves wash** the window.
- **Fluffy feathers fell** faster.

**Tip:** Don't use figurative language on every line - it loses its power. One strong simile or metaphor per paragraph is plenty.