

Revision:

WHAT ARE FIGURE OF SPEECH ?

■ Figures of speech are words or phrases that are used to express an idea by comparing or describing the subject in such a way that the statement will create a certain impression

➤ Lets do a quick revision of each of different Figures of Speech

SIMILE

■ **It is a type of comparison between things or objects by using “as” or “like.”**

SIMILE EXAMPLES:

■ He is as tall as a mountain

(It doesn't mean he was actually 1,000 feet tall, it just means he was really tall.)

■ The internet is like a window to the world

(U can learn about everything online and it lets you access information about anything and everything from anywhere.)

■ She is like a lovely rose.

(She is beautiful and soft.)

■ He is as strong as a lion.

(He is very strong.)

METAPHOR

■ **Metaphor is comparing two unlike objects or things, which may have some common qualities.**

METAPHOR EXAMPLES:

■ The “peak of her career,”

(is a metaphor, since a career is not a literal mountain with a peak, but the metaphor represents the idea of arriving at the highest point of one's career.)

■ "All the world's a stage"

(is a metaphor, as world represents a stage where every person has some role to play in real life. World is not a Stage in its Physical Appearance)

■ The snow was a blanket of white on the ground.

(is a metaphor, because snow appears to a white colored blanket on the ground, snow is not actually a blanket in real)

ALLITERATION

■ **The repetition of an initial consonant sound.**

ALLITERATION EXAMPLES:

- She sells seashells by the seashore.
- Peter piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
- Kim's kid kept kicking like crazy.
- Mike made mellow music with his new microphone.
- Nick's nephew needed some new notebooks.
- Seven sisters slept soundly on the sand.

REPETITION

- **When the same word or phrase is repeated multiple times in the same passage.**

REPETITION EXAMPLES

- The boy was a good **footballer**, because his father was a **footballer**, and his grandfather was a **footballer**.
- The refugees were crossing into the neighboring country when they saw **blood** all round-Hood on the passageways, **blood** on the fields.
- When they came out the cinema hall they all agreed, the movie was a **waste** of money, it was a **waste** of time and energy.

PERSONIFICATION

- **It occurs when a writer gives human traits to non-human or inanimate objects. It is similar to metaphors and similes that also use comparison between two objects.**

For instance,

“Hadn’t she felt it in every touch of the sunshine, as its golden finger-tips pressed her lids open and wound their way through her hair?”

In the above lines, the speaker is personifying sunshine as it has finger tips that wound their way into her hair. This is trait of using finger-tips in hair is a human one.

PERSONIFICATION EXAMPLES:

- The **thirsty air** soaks up the rain.
- The **wind howled** in the night.
- Rita heard the last **piece of pie calling** her name.
- My **alarm clock yells** at me to get out of bed every morning.

Identify the Figure of Speech

Read the following sentences and identify the figure of speech used.

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2. Upon explanation, the concept was as clear as crystal to Rahul.
3. The soldier jumped on the enemies like a hungry lion.
4. The camel is the ship of the desert.
5. The dentist had a severe toothache.
6. Mr. Sharma thought the sweets were calling him.

7. It seemed that the sky was going to cry the entire night.
8. I would forgive you when pigs fly.
9. Man proposes; God disposes.
10. What a piece of work is, man!
11. Death touched Miss David with its icy fingers.
12. Sheldon is a walking dictionary.
13. The sausages tasted awfully good.
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5. The dentist had a severe toothache. – **Irony**
6. Mr. Sharma thought the sweets were calling him. – **Personification**
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8. I would forgive you when pigs fly. – **Hyperbole**
9. Man proposes; God disposes. – **Antithesis**
10. What a piece of work is, man! – **Exclamation**
11. Death touched Miss David with its icy fingers. – **Personification**
12. Sheldon is a walking dictionary. – **Metaphor**
13. The sausages tasted awfully good. – **Oxymoron**
14. Sheena was as proud as a peacock. – **Simile**
15. It has been raining cats and dogs for hours. – **Idiom**

Analyze the provided sentences and identify the figure of speech used in each.

1. The sun smiled down on the children playing in the park.
2. The idea was as refreshing as a cold lemonade on a scorching day.
3. He attacked the task like a bull charging at a red flag.
4. Books are the keys to the kingdom of knowledge.
5. The fireman was scared of fire.
6. The roses seemed to sing a sweet melody in the garden.
7. The wind whispered secrets through the rustling leaves.
8. I'll start dieting when elephants fly.
9. To err is human; to forgive divine.
10. How amazing is the beauty of nature!
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15. It's been raining so heavily, it's like the sky is falling. – **Hyperbole**