

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to understand and identify different types of figurative language in English.

Materials and Prep

- Paper
- Pencil
- Internet access (optional)

Activities

1. Create a Figurative Language Dictionary:

Start by making a list of different types of figurative language, such as similes, metaphors, personification, and idioms. Then, find examples of each type and write them down in your dictionary. You can search for examples online or think of your own!

2. Figurative Language Scavenger Hunt:

Look for examples of figurative language in books, magazines, or even around your house. Write down any phrases or sentences you find that use figurative language. Try to identify the specific type of figurative language used.

3. Create Figurative Language Art:

Choose one type of figurative language and create a piece of artwork that represents it. For example, if you choose personification, draw a picture of an object with human-like qualities. Be creative!

Talking Points

- "Figurative language is a way of using words to create images or ideas that are not literally true."
- "Similes are comparisons that use 'like' or 'as'. For example, 'Her smile is as bright as the sun.'"
- "Metaphors are comparisons that do not use 'like' or 'as'. They say one thing is something else. For example, 'He is a shining star.'"
- "Personification gives human qualities to non-human things. For example, 'The flowers danced in the wind.'"
- "Idioms are phrases that have a different meaning than what the words actually say. For example, 'It's raining cats and dogs.'"
- "Figurative language can make writing more interesting and help paint a picture in the reader's mind."
- "Can you think of any examples of figurative language you have heard or read before?"
- "Why do you think authors use figurative language in their writing?"
- "How can you identify figurative language in a sentence or paragraph?"
- "Remember, figurative language is not meant to be taken literally. It's like a special code that adds color and depth to our language!"