



FIGURATIVE WRITING



SHOW...DON'T TELL!

Paint a picture for your reader with your words! Create a visual for your reader so they can picture exactly what you are writing about.

Literal language:

- This means exactly what it says; a rose is the physical flower.
- Use your **five sense words** to describe how something tastes, looks, feels, smells and sounds.
 - (The chocolate was **rich, smooth** and smelled **sugary**.)
- Here is where **adjectives, adverbs** and **good vocabulary** come in handy.
 - (The apple was *crisp* and *juicy* as it bit through its *papery* skin.)
- Also, use your **ACTIVE verbs!**
 - (The chocolate caramel apple **danced** on my taste buds!

Figurative language

- This changes the literal meaning, to make a meaning fresh or clearer, to express complexity, to capture a physical or sensory effect, or to extend meaning.
- Figurative language is also called figures of speech. The most common figures of speech are these:
 - **Metaphor:** Comparison of two unlike things without using like or as
EX: She was a pretty flower.
 - **Simile:** Comparison of two unlike things using like or as
EX: He was tricky like a fox
 - **Onomatopoeia:** Words that sound like their meaning
EX: Bang, Moo!
 - **Hyperbole:** An extreme exaggeration used to make a point
EX: I have a mountain of homework.
 - **Alliteration:** Repeated consonant sounds at the beginning of words in a line of poetry
EX: Great green gorillas are now growing grapes.
 - **Personification:** Giving human qualities to a non human object or animal
EX: The desk giggled as I wrote on it.

Metaphors:

The small boat was a ping pong ball bouncing on the waves.
The fog was a blanket covering the floor.
The class was a fountain of ideas.
The meal was a rock in my stomach.
His stomach was a bottomless pit.
The soldiers were robots marching home.

Onomatopoeia:

Bark	Click	Gurgle	Thud
Buzz	Cling	Hiccup	Thump
Babble	Clink	Honk	Tick
Bang	Coo	Meow	Tock
Blurt	Cough	Moan	Tingle
Boing	Crack	Moo	Splat
Bong	Crash	Mumble	Vroom
Bonk	Creak	Plop	Wheeze
Boom	Crunch	Pop	Whir
Chant	Ding	Rattle	Yank
Chime	Dong	Rumble	Zap
Chuckle	Drip	Screech	Zip
Clack	Drone	Scurry	Zoink
Clank	Fizz	Sizzle	Zoom
Clap	Giggle	Slap	
Clatter	Groan	Tear	

Hyperbole:

It's going to take a bazillion years.
I ate the whole cow.
I'm so hungry, I could eat a horse.
There are a million things to do.

The whole world was staring at me.
He was running faster than the speed of light.
It took him two seconds to do his homework.
The package took forever to arrive in the mail.

Alliteration:

Sally sells sea shells
Great green gorillas

Angry alligators
Creepy Crawly Creatures

Wonderful world
Lovely little ladybugs

Personification:

The wall hit me.
The snake sang my name.

The blank paper laughed at me.
The stars guided me home.

Similes:

As bright as the sun
As busy as a bee
As certain as death
As clear as a bell
As cold as ice
As cool as a cucumber

As cuddly as a baby
As cute as a button
As dark as night
As deaf as a doorpost
As deep as the ocean
As dry as a bone

