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**Figurative and Literal Language**

**Literally:** **words function exactly as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*The car is blue* or *He caught the football*.

**Figuratively:**  **figure out what it means (Figures of Speech)**

*I’ve got your back* or *He’s such a doll*!

**Simile**: Comparison of two things using “like” or “as.”

**Examples:** The metal twisted **like** a ribbon. She is **as** sweet **as** candy.

**Important!** **Using “like” or “as” doesn’t make a simile.** **A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_must be made.**

**Not a Simile:** *I* ***like*** *pizza.*   
 **Simile:** *The moon is* ***like*** *a pizza.*

**Metaphor**: Two things are compared **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**using “*like*” or “*as*.”

**Examples:** All the world **is** a stage. Men **are** dogs. Her heart **is** stone.

**Personification**: Giving human traits to objects or ideas.

**Examples:** The sunlight danced. Water on the lake shivers. The streets are calling me.

**Hyperbole:** Exaggerating to show \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_feeling or effect.

**Examples:** It’s hot as the surface of the sun in this classroom *(also a simile!)*.

My house is a million miles away. She’d kill me.

**Understatement**: Expression with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_strength than expected; **The opposite of hyperbole.**

I’ll be there in one second. This won’t hurt a bit.

**Onomatopoeia**: A word that “makes” a sound

* SPLAT PING SLAM POP POW

**Idiom:** A saying that isn’t meant to be taken \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Doesn’t “mean” what it says…

* + Often non-Americans have difficulty understanding these statements because they don’t make sense, literally!
* Don’t be a stick in the mud!
* You’re the apple of my eye.
* I’ll go out with you when pigs fly.

**Pun:** A form of “word play” in which words have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_meaning.

* + I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger and then it hit me.
  + I’m reading a book about anti-gravity. It’s impossible to put it down.
  + I was going to look for my missing watch, but I didn’t have the time.
    - * CARL AZUS on CNN STUDENT NEWS!
      * If the statement can be followed up with, “Haha, I see what you did there” it’s probably a pun.

**Oxymoron**: When two words are put together that contradict each other. “Opposites”

* + Jumbo Shrimp
  + Pretty Ugly
  + Freezer Burn