

# Figures of Speech

## Figurative Language

-speech or writing that departs from *literal meaning* in order to achieve a special effect or meaning

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-imaginative comparisons between two basically dissimilar things.

### Metaphor

Implying a comparison between two things that are essentially different.

*Ex. The man was a monster!!!!*

*Ex. Stalking their prey, the deputies remained hidden in the bushes and ready to spring on speeding motorists.*

### Simile

-A comparison of 2 different things or ideas using **like** or **as**

*Ex. Her speech was like nails on a blackboard.*

### Personification

-Gives inanimate objects or ideas human characteristics.

*Ex. The wind whined at the window, begging to be let in.*

### Hyperbole

-A deliberate, extravagant and often outrageous exaggeration.

*Ex. He was as annoying as a thousand mosquitoes.*

### Understatement

Under-exaggeration.

*Ex. Yesterday was a little cool. The temperature was zero degrees.*

### Oxymoron

-Combines a pair of opposite terms into a single expression.

*Ex. It's a love hate relationship.*

### Symbol

A person, place, or thing that represents an abstract idea or concept.

*Ex. Batman, the Canadian flag, a heart, etc.*