

# FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

How often have we tried reading a poem before exams and realised we could not understand it? Or has your language teacher ever remarked that your writing requires more depth? A reason why we struggle with English is that we are unable to scale the figurative language used in the text.

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**Q1: Choose an example of a simile.**

- A: Her laughter was music to my ears.
  - B: The waves danced playfully along the shore.
  - C: He was as brave as a lion.
  - D: The flowers bloomed beautifully in the garden.
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**Q2: Choose the example of alliteration.**

- A: The cow jumped over the moon.
  - B: She sells seashells by the seashore.
  - C: The rain fell softly on the roof.
  - D: The tree branches swayed in the wind.
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**Q3: Which of the following is an example of a metaphor?**

- A: His smile is as bright as the sun.
  - B: The stars twinkled in the night sky.
  - C: She runs like a cheetah.
  - D: Life is a journey.
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**Q4: Choose an example of figurative language.**

- A: The sky is blue.
  - B: He ran as fast as a cheetah.
  - C: The tree branches swayed in the wind.
  - D: The book is filled with interesting facts.
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**Q5: Choose the example of hyperbole.**

- A: The flowers in the garden swayed gently in the breeze.
  - B: I have a zillion things to do today.
  - C: The raindrops fell softly on the windowpane.
  - D: He walked slowly down the street.
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**Q6: Choose the example of onomatopoeia.**

- A: The wind blew through the trees.
  - B: The cat purred contentedly on the windowsill.
  - C: The alarm clock buzzed loudly, jolting me awake.
  - D: The rain poured down from the dark clouds.
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**Q7: Choose an example of symbolism.**

- A: The sun was shining brightly in the sky.
  - B: The red rose represents love and passion.
  - C: The wind whispered through the tall grass.
  - D: The waves crashed against the rocky shore.
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**Q8: Choose an example of personification.**

- A: The flowers bloomed in vibrant colours.
  - B: The thunder roared angrily in the distance.
  - C: The book was filled with interesting facts.
  - D: The sun warmed my cheeks on a summer day.
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**Q9: Choose an example of figurative language.**

- A: The cat sat lazily by the window.
  - B: The river flowed downstream.
  - C: She wore a blue dress.
  - D: His smile was like a ray of sunshine.
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**Q10: Which statements highlight the difference between a simile and a metaphor?**

- A: A simile compares two things using 'like' or 'as,' while a metaphor compares two things directly.
  - B: A simile compares two unrelated things, while a metaphor compares two similar things.
  - C: A simile is a figure of speech, while a metaphor is a literary technique.
  - D: A simile uses imagery, while a metaphor uses personification.
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## Answers

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