

# Figurative Language Creation Examples

## Purpose:

Develop skill in using figurative language—similes, metaphors, and personification—to enhance descriptive writing. This exercise helps students create vivid, memorable imagery.

## Instructions

1. Read the examples provided.
2. Identify the type of figurative language used (simile, metaphor, personification).
3. Try creating **your own version** using a similar approach for the given subject.
4. Focus on making comparisons original, concrete, and relevant to the subject.

## Exercise Table

Subject	Type of Figurative Language	Example	Your Version
Sunset	Simile	“The sunset spread across the sky like melted candy, streaks of pink and orange swirling together.”	_____
Wind	Personification	“The wind whispered secrets through the trees, bending branches as if in conversation.”	_____
Old Book	Metaphor	“The old book was a time machine, its pages carrying me to worlds long past.”	_____
Rain	Simile	“Raindrops tapped on the window like tiny dancers rehearsing a delicate routine.”	_____
City at Night	Personification	“The city yawned under the streetlights, stretching its neon arms to welcome the late-night wanderers.”	_____

## Mini Figurative Paragraph (Example Response)

The late afternoon sunlight poured through the leaves, painting golden patterns on the forest floor like liquid honey. A gentle breeze whispered through the trees, as if exchanging secrets

with the rustling branches. The stream sang a soft melody, its waters laughing over smooth stones, inviting all who listened to pause and enjoy the serene harmony.

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## Reflection Questions

1. Which type of figurative language was easiest to use? Which was most challenging?  

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2. How did figurative language enhance the sensory or emotional impact of your description?  

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3. Which figurative comparisons felt most original and why?  

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## Instructions for Students:

- Try this exercise with different subjects to build a variety of figurative language tools.
- Combine similes, metaphors, and personification in descriptive paragraphs for richer, more engaging essays.
- Review examples in your essay collection to see how figurative language reinforces the dominant impression.