

# 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.