

## UNIT 2 Facing Challenges Nonfiction Connection

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# Figures of Speech



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After watching this presentation you should be able to:

- Learn the meaning and use of figures of speech.
- Learn 4 common figures of speech.
- Identify each one in a sentence.





# Figures of Speech

**Figurative language (or figures of speech) is a tool that an author uses to help the reader visualize (or see) what is happening in a story or a poem.**



## Figures of Speech

**Whenever you describe something by comparing it with something else, you are using figurative language. Any language that goes beyond the literal meaning of words in order to furnish new effects is figurative.**



# Figures of Speech

The most common figures of speech are simile, metaphor, personification, and symbol.

Similes





## Similes

A figure of speech which involves a direct comparison between two unlike things, usually with the words like or as.

For example: Her face was like a curtain that masked her real feelings. We are comparing her face to a curtain.

# Metaphors







# Metaphors

A figure of speech which involves an implied comparison between two relatively unlike things using a form of be. The comparison is not announced by like or as.

For example: The weeds surrounding the pond were lashes that reflected on the pond's surface. The sentence is stating that weeds are lashes.

# Personification





## Personification

A figure of speech which gives the qualities of a person to an animal, an object, or an idea. It is a comparison which shows something in an entirely new light, to communicate a certain feeling or attitude towards it and to control the way a reader perceives it.



**Example: The huge building swallowed the kids--the author is giving a building human or animal qualities.**

Symbol



# Symbol

Something that represents or stands for something else, usually by convention or association. Also, a material object used to represent something abstract.



## Examples:

- The dove is the symbol of peace.
- In the Christian religion, bread and wine are symbolic of Christ's body and blood.
- A ring symbolizes everlasting love.



# Assessment

**Copy and find the metaphor or simile, write it down, and write the words being compared. Write the meaning of the simile or metaphor based on the context of the sentence. Then, sent to teacher.**

- 1. The baby was like an octopus, grabbing at all the cans on the grocery store shelves.**
- 2. As the teacher entered the room she muttered, "This class is like a three-ring circus!"**
- 3. The giant's steps were thunder as he ran toward Jack.**
- 4. The pillow was a cloud when I put my head upon it after a long day.**
- 5. I feel like a limp noodle.**





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