

Figures of Speech

1. Alliteration

Repetition of **consonant sounds** at the beginning of words.

- *Example 1:* Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
- *Example 2:* The wild wind whistled wistfully.

2. Repetition

Repetition is a figure of speech in which words, phrases, or ideas are repeated **for emphasis, clarity, or artistic effect.**

- *Example 1:* Rage, rage against the dying light.
- *Example 2:* He then replied, box-box, box-box.

3. Simile

A comparison between two different things using **“like”** or **“as.”**

- *Example 1:* She is as brave as a lion.
- *Example 2:* His smile shines like the sun.

4. Metaphor

A direct comparison where something **is said to be** something else.

- *Example 1:* Time is a thief that steals our moments.
- *Example 2:* Her voice was music to his ears.

5. Personification

Giving **human qualities** to non-human objects or concepts.

- *Example 1:* The wind whispered secrets through the trees.
- *Example 2:* The clock stared at me angrily as I worked late.

6. Hyperbole

An **exaggeration** used for emphasis.

- *Example 1:* I'm so hungry I could eat a horse.
- *Example 2:* He runs faster than lightning.

7. Onomatopoeia

A word that **imitates a sound.**

- *Example 1:* The bees buzzed around the flowers.
- *Example 2:* The book fell with a loud thud.

8. Oxymoron

A pair of **opposite words** used together.

- *Example 1:* Bittersweet memories.
- *Example 2:* Deafening silence.

9. Tautology

Repetition of the **same meaning** in different words.

- *Example 1:* "It's déjà vu all over again."
- *Example 2:* "I saw it with my own eyes."

21. Paradox

A statement that **seems contradictory** but contains truth.

- *Example 1:* "Less is more."
- *Example 2:* "The only constant is change."

Practice Questions

- 1 "She sells seashells by the seashore."
- 2 "The stars danced playfully in the night sky."
- 3 "He's as busy as a bee."
- 4 "This bag weighs a ton!"
- 5 "The silence was deafening."
- 6 "Tick-tock, the clock went on."
- 7 "It's déjà vu all over again."
- 8 "I have a dream... I have a dream... I have a dream..."
- 9 "The wind whispered through the trees."
- 10 "So fresh, so clean, so smooth."
- 11 "Less is more."