

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Figurative language is when words and ideas are used to create mental images and give impressions. When we use figurative language it gives our ideas strength and helps the reader to understand what we mean.

Personification is when we write about an object as if it is human, e.g. "the tulips smiled as the sun rose"

Similes are when we say one thing is like another, e.g. "the snow was on the ground like a thick warm blanket." Similes contain the words 'like' or 'as'.

Metaphors say something is something else.

e.g. Tony is a tower of strength.

Wayne Rooney is a goal machine.

In the boxes next to each of the sentences below, either write: P (personification), S (simile) or M (metaphor).



The Alarm clock went off like a bomb!

She was as quiet as a mouse



The ants marched home

The moon is a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas

She's as mad as a hatter!



The trees whispered to each other in the darkness

The sun went to bed.



She ate the mountain of food greedily



The frog's tongue moved like lightning

Now in your exercise book or on paper write 3 sentences of your own – one for each type of figurative language explained above. Why not try writing them about the rainforest to help practise for your big write?

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE - ANSWERS

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P

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M

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S



The trees whispered to each other in the darkness

P

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P

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M



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