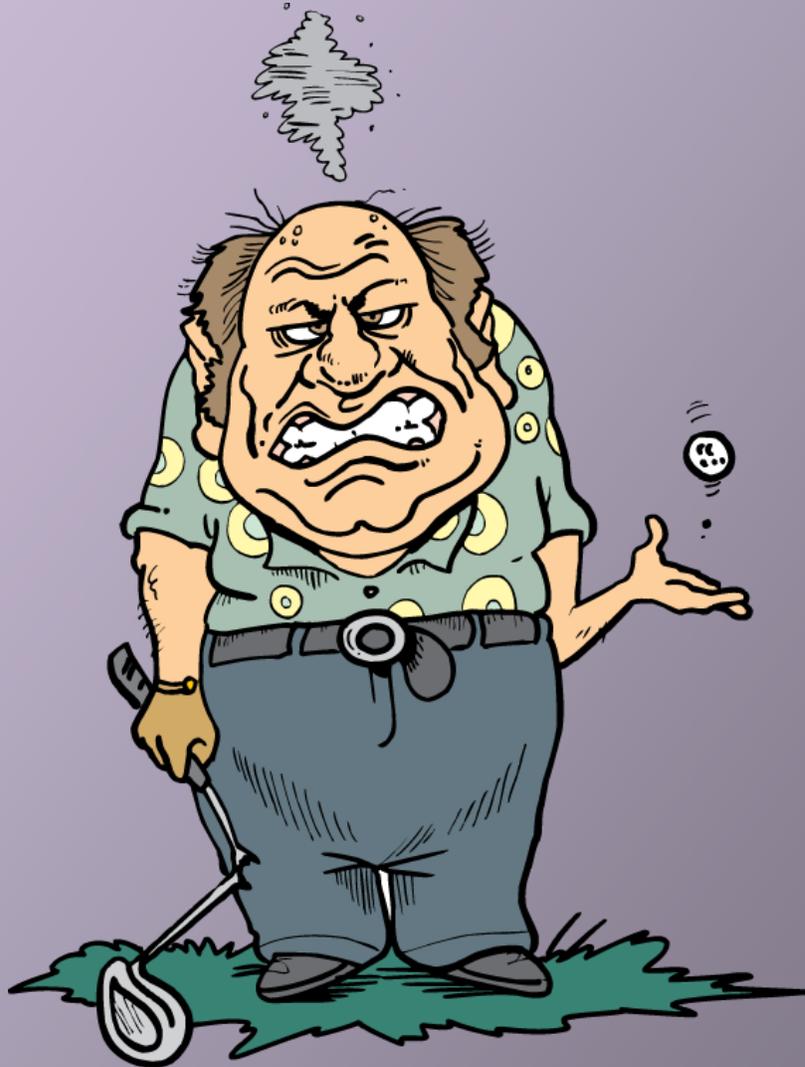


Celebrating April with Figurative Language



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Featured Figures of Speech

Simile

A comparison of two unlike things using the words “like” or “as.”

The April Fools’ prank left Mr. Hammonds as agitated as socks in a washing machine.

Metaphor

A comparison of two unlike things implying that something is a dissimilar object or thing. The words “like” or “as” are not used

Laughter between two people is a hug with noise.

Personification

The figure of speech that gives human characteristics or actions to non-living things.

Leaves danced in the breeze that blew through the trees.

Hyperbole

A exaggeration that cannot possibly be true.

I have created, without a doubt, the best Easter basket in the history of the universe!

Alliteration

The repetition of an initial consonant sound or of the same sound within several words.

Kevin couldn’t control his cantankerous kite, and it came crashing down.



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Part One

All of the following sentences, quotes, and poetry excerpts are inspired by one of the April events and celebrations listed below. Each one is constructed around a *simile*, a *metaphor*, a *hyperbole*, an example of *personification*, or *alliteration*. Study the sentence and its accompanying question. Write the letter of your answer choice in the blank to the left.

April Events and Celebrations

National Humor Month

National Kite Month

Laugh at Work Week (1st Week)

The Masters Golf Tournament (1st Week)

National Library Week (2nd week)

April Fools' Day (1st)

Drop Everything and Read Day (10th)

A Poem in My Pocket Day (26th)

Boston Marathon (3rd Monday)

Arbor Day (Last Friday)

Earth Day (April 22)

April Showers

Easter



- _____ 1. *Bradley's April Fools' joke was about as funny as whipped cream on a mud pie.*
The nature of Bradley's April Fools' joke is described by
(A) a simile,
(B) a metaphor,
(C) a hyperbole,
(D) alliteration
- _____ 2. *The spattering raindrops were tiny crystal ornaments that fell onto the window to sparkle and disappear in the same instant.*
Which of the following phrases is the *metaphor* in the above sentence?
(A) were tiny crystal ornaments
(B) fell onto the window
(C) to sparkle and disappear
(D) in the same instant
- _____ 3. *One student sat sulking, refusing to sing the song about spring sunshine.*
Which word is **not** part of the sentence's *alliteration*?
(A) student
(B) sulking
(C) refusing
(D) sunshine
- _____ 4. *The kite broke away and disappeared in the sky like a UFO taking flight.*
The two things being compared in the *simile* above are
(A) the kite's ascent and the flight of a UFO,
(B) the kite escape and the open sky,
(C) the act of disappearing and the science of flight,
(D) the sky and flight.
- _____ 5. *When she enters the library, Brenda quickly disappears like a ghost into the stacks of books.*
The *simile* above suggest that Brenda
(A) hides in the library,
(B) doesn't like being in the library,
(C) starts looking for a book right away,
(D) likes to play tricks.

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Part Two

April Events and Celebrations

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The following sentences, quotes, and lines of poetry are based on one of the April events and celebrations listed above. Each one also contains a *simile*, a *metaphor*, a *hyperbole*, an example of *personification*, or *alliteration*. Read each item and its accompanying question. Write the letter of the correct answer in the blank to the left.

- _____ 1. *Josh's April Fools' prank left Ms. Walters speechless, like her tongue had been stapled to her teeth.*
The *simile* suggests that Josh's prank
(A) surprised and shocked Ms. Walters,
(B) was hilarious,
(C) was probably illegal,
(D) caused Ms. Walters to laugh hysterically.
- _____ 2. *The kite looped a figure eight and then teased its tethered human by dipping close to the ground.*
The figure of speech illustrated in this sentence is
(A) a simile,
(B) a metaphor,
(C) personification,
(D) a hyperbole.
- _____ 3. *The elegant lady wore a gold chain with a medallion large enough to anchor a cruise ship.*
Which phrase from the above sentence is the *hyperbole*?
(A) The elegant lady
(B) wore a gold chain
(C) with a medallion
(D) large enough to anchor a cruise ship
- _____ 4. *The book's evil villainess was a black widow spider with only two legs.*
This sentence has an example of
(A) a simile,
(B) a metaphor,
(C) a hyperbole,
(D) personification
- _____ 5. *Clouds huddled together in the sky, like children plotting mischief.*
The two figures of speech in this sentence are
(A) a simile and personification
(B) a metaphor and a hyperbole
(C) alliteration and a metaphor
(D) personification and a simile

