

A Thanksgiving Feast of Figurative Language

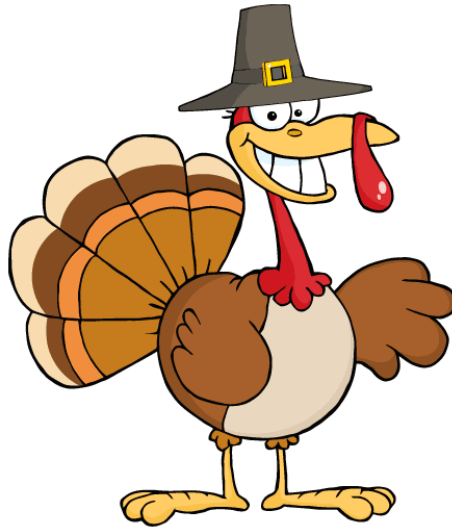
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Menu



Simile

A tantalizing, clearly expressed comparison of two unlike things using the words “like” or “as.”

Uncle Edgar and Aunt Agatha ate like hungry bears.

Metaphor

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

Uncle Edgar and Aunt Agatha were hungry bears.

Personification

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

A cozy fire called to Uncle Edgar and Aunt Agatha from the family room.

Hyperbole

A zesty exaggeration that cannot possibly be true.

Uncle Edgar and Aunt Agatha nearly laughed their heads off!

Alliteration

A tasty treat of a repetitive initial consonant sound.

Uncle Edgar and Aunt Agatha add cheerful chatter to the conversation.

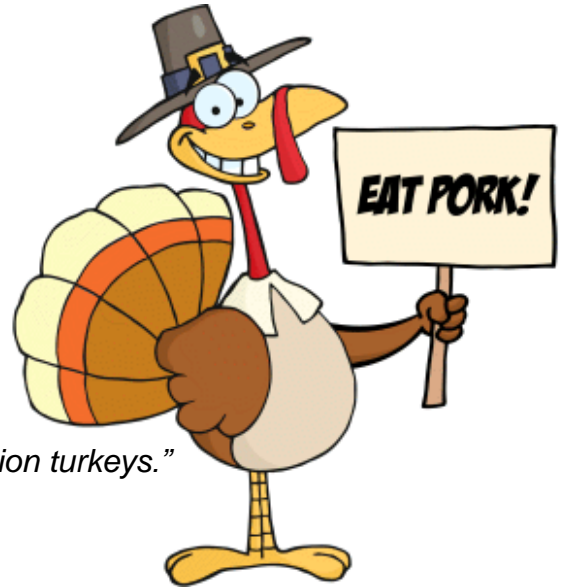
Onomatopoeia

A tasteful collection of words that represent sounds.

A blaring Beep! Beep! Beep! from the driveway announced Uncle Edgar and Aunt Agatha's arrival.

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(Appetizers)



Answer the question after each sentence. Write the **letter** of the correct answer in the blank to the left.

- _____ 1. *Dad said, "I'm so hungry I could eat a million turkeys."*
This sentence has an example of
(A) a simile,
(B) a metaphor,
(C) personification,
(D) a hyperbole.
- _____ 2. *Uncle Jackson was a skyscraper standing next to Grandmother.*
This metaphor means that Uncle Jack
(A) was feeling superior to Grandmother,
(B) was much taller than Grandmother,
(C) was playing a joke on Grandmother by standing in a chair,
(D) was clowning around.
- _____ 3. *Snow sparkled in the trees like mounds of tiny diamonds.*
The figure of speech in the above sentence is
(A) a simile,
(B) a metaphor,
(C) personification,
(D) alliteration.
- _____ 4. *A cluster of leaves trying to find shelter from the chilly wind scurried in through the opened back door.*
The movement of the flying leaves is presented as
(A) a simile,
(B) a metaphor,
(C) personification,
(D) an onomatopoeia.
- _____ 5. *Maybelle the cat howled like a coyote when Grandfather stepped on her tail.*
The two things being compared in this simile are
(A) Grandfather and the cat,
(B) the noise Maybelle made and a coyote's howl,
(C) Grandfather's accident and Maybelle's howl,
(D) Maybelle's pain and a wild coyote.
- _____ 6. *Within a few minutes, Maybelle was purring on her cozy couch cushion.*
The figure of speech in this sentence is
(A) a simile,
(B) a hyperbole,
(C) a metaphor,
(D) alliteration.

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(Main Course)



Answer the question after each sentence. Write the **letter** of the correct answer in the blank to the left.

- _____ 1. *The kitchen table staggered under the weight of the feast that lay upon it.*
Which figure of speech is present in the sentence?
(A) a simile
(B) a metaphor
(C) personification
(D) a hyperbole
- _____ 2. *Dad was a king carving the festive bird for his royal family.*
Dad was a king is an example of
(A) a simile,
(B) a metaphor,
(C) personification,
(D) a hyperbole.
- _____ 3. *Food circulated around the table in a furious flurry of flying bowls and plates.*
The method the diners used to fill their plates is described in this sentence by
(A) a simile,
(B) onomatopoeia,
(C) alliteration,
(D) a metaphor.
- _____ 4. *Happy chatter mixed in with the clinking and clanging of silverware on china.*
Which word from the sentence is **not** an example of an onomatopoeia?
(A) chatter
(B) clinking
(C) clanging
(D) silverware
- _____ 5. *Everyone pounced _____ for a serving of Grandmother's mashed potatoes.*
Choose the *simile* that completes the sentence.
(A) like cats on a mouse
(B) all at once
(C) in a bunch
(D) without using any manners
- _____ 6. *Normally, I wouldn't eat green beans for a million dollars, but the ones hidden in Aunt Millicent's casserole were really tasty!*
This person's opinion of green beans is expressed as
(A) a simile,
(B) a metaphor,
(C) personification,
(D) a hyperbole.