

# A Thanksgiving Feast of Figurative Language

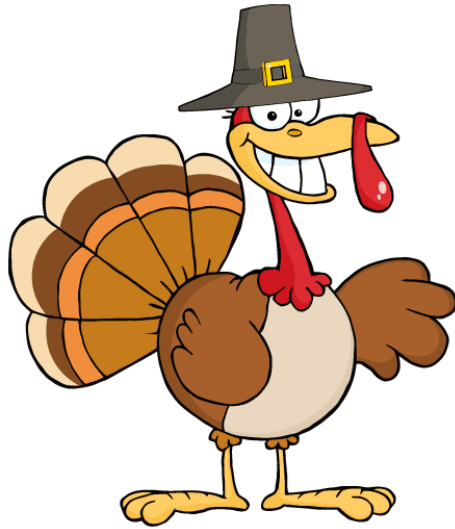
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## Simile

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.*

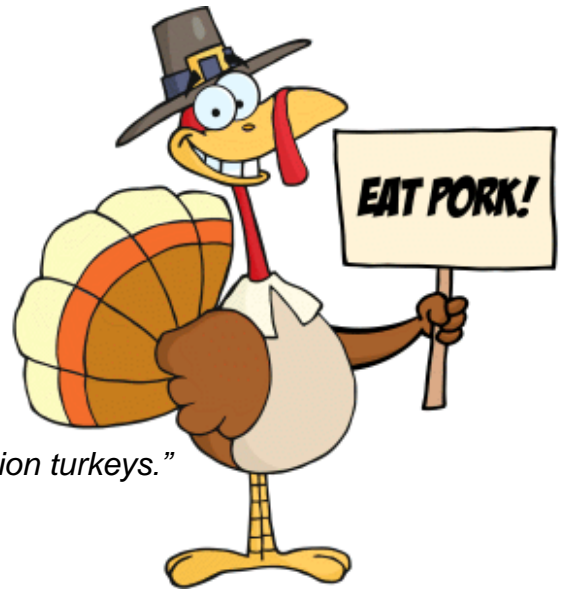
## Onomatopoeia

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.