

Figure of Speech

Simile :-

Comparison using 'like' or 'as'

1. Her smile was **as bright as the sun.**
2. He ran **like a cheetah chasing its prey.**
3. The baby's skin felt **as soft as cotton.**
4. She cried **like a child who had lost her toy.**
5. His voice was **as deep as the ocean.**

6. The old man's hands trembled **like leaves in the wind**.

7. The cake was **as sweet as honey**.

8. He stood **as tall as a tower** among his friends.

9. The news struck her **like a bolt of lightning**.

10. The boy's laughter spread **like ripples on a pond**.

Metaphor :-

Direct comparison without 'like' or 'as'

1. **Time is a thief** that steals our precious moments.
2. **Her voice was music** to his ears.
3. **The classroom was a zoo** during recess.
4. **Hope is the light** that guides us through darkness.
5. **She has a heart of stone.**

6. **The world is a stage**, and we are merely players.
7. **His words were daggers** that pierced her heart.
8. **The city was a jungle**, full of hidden dangers.
9. **Books are keys** that unlock the doors of knowledge.
10. **Laughter is the best medicine.**

Personification :-

Giving human qualities to non-humans

1. The **wind whispered** secrets through the trees.
2. The **angry storm** pounded on the roof all night.
3. The **sun smiled** warmly at the children playing in the park.
4. The **flowers danced** happily in the gentle breeze.
5. The **old car coughed** and groaned before starting.

6. The **waves stretched out their arms**, trying to touch the shore.

7. The **clock stared** at me, reminding me of my deadline.

8. The **city never sleeps**, always buzzing with life.

9. The **fire roared** hungrily, devouring everything in its path.

10. The **stars winked** playfully in the night sky.

Hyperbole :-

Exaggeration for effect

1. The movie was so boring, **it lasted forever.**
2. **He runs faster than the speed of light.**
3. **My phone battery dies every second.**
4. **She is older than the hills.**
5. He was so tired, **he could sleep for a year.**

6. I'm so hungry I could eat a horse.
7. She cried a river after failing the exam.
8. This bag weighs a ton.
9. I've told you a thousand times to clean your room.
10. I feel like dying of embarrassment .

Alliteration :-

Repetition of consonant sounds

1. Peter Piper picked peppers.
2. She sells seashells.
3. Lazy lions lounge.
4. Busy bees buzzed.
5. Wild winds whipped.

6. Deep desires drive dreams.
7. Funny frogs fell flat.
8. Snakes slither silently.
9. Pink petals painted path.
10. Friendly foxes frolicked freely in the forest.

Onomatopoeia :-

Words that imitate sounds

1. The bees **buzzed** loudly around the blooming flowers.
2. The snake **hissed** as we walked past the bushes.
3. The clock on the wall kept **ticking** throughout the night.
4. The thunder **rumbled** across the dark sky.
5. The baby let out a loud **wah-wah** when he was hungry.

6. The firewood **crackled** in the fireplace, filling the room with warmth.
7. The cat **meowed** softly, asking for food.
8. The pages of the book went **rustle** as she flipped through them.
9. The gun fired with a sudden **bang** that startled everyone.
10. The raindrops **pattered** gently against the windowpane.

Oxymoron:-

Two opposite words together

1. The comedian's **seriously funny** jokes had everyone laughing nonstop.
2. She gave me a **deafening silence** after the argument.
3. His explanation was a **clear confusion** to all of us.
4. It was an **open secret** that they were dating.
5. The teacher was **awfully nice** to the new student.

6. We had a **small crowd** at the book launch.
7. He made an **original copy** of the painting for practice.
8. The horror movie was **pretty ugly**, yet fascinating.
9. She experienced **bittersweet memories** of her childhood.
10. The dictator's promise of **peaceful war** left everyone puzzled.

Irony :-

Opposite of expected outcome

1. The fire station burned down last night.
2. The teacher of English made a spelling mistake on the board.
3. A plumber's house always has leaking taps.
4. The traffic policeman had to pay a fine for parking in the wrong spot.
5. The marriage counselor filed for divorce.

6. The chef complained that the food in the restaurant was terrible.
7. The fitness trainer fell ill because of an unhealthy lifestyle.
8. The pilot is afraid of heights.
9. The librarian loudly shouted at students to “be quiet.”
10. The winner of the "Most Organized Office Award" lost the trophy within a week.

Pun :-

Play with words

1. A boiled egg is **hard to beat**.
2. I used to be a banker, but I **lost interest**.
3. The fisherman was really good at his job —
he was **outstanding in his field**.
4. I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger,
then it **hit me**.
5. I'm reading a book about anti-gravity —
it's **impossible to put down**.

Euphemism :- Polite way of saying harsh words

1. The company had to **let go** of several employees due to financial losses.
(*Euphemism for "fire" or "dismiss"*)

2. She **passed away** peacefully in her sleep last night.
(*Euphemism for "died"*)

3. They live in a **correctional facility** outside the city.
(*Euphemism for "prison"*)

4. The soldier made the **ultimate sacrifice** for his country.
(*Euphemism for "died in battle"*)

5. He is **between jobs** right now.
(*Euphemism for "unemployed"*)

6. The general reported that there were **collateral damages** during the attack.
(*Euphemism for "civilian deaths/injuries"*)

7. She is a little **vertically challenged** compared to her friends.
(*Euphemism for "short"*)

8. He is visually impaired but a talented musician .
(*Euphemism for "disabled "*)

9. They decided to **put their dog to sleep** after a long illness.
(*Euphemism for "euthanize/kill"*)

10. The hotel offers affordable rooms for **budget-conscious travelers**.
(*Euphemism for "people with less money/poor"*)

Practice Questions

Q.1. Her eyes shone like stars in the night.

(~~a~~) Simile (b) Metaphor (c) Onomatopoeia (d) Irony

Q.2. The phone screamed for attention.

(a) Hyperbole (b) Pun (~~c~~) Personification (d) Euphemism

Ans 1. (a) Simile

Ans 2. (c) Personification

Q.3. The silence was so loud, it hurt my ears.

(a) Irony (b) Oxymoron (c) Hyperbole (d) Simile

Q.4. The clouds wept all day.

(a) Simile (b) Personification (c) Onomatopoeia (d) Euphemism

Ans 3. (b) Oxymoron

Ans 4. (b) Personification

Q.5. The athlete is a cheetah on the track.

(~~a~~) Metaphor (b) Simile (c) Hyperbole (d) Alliteration

Q.6. The cake is as soft as cotton.

(a) Hyperbole (~~b~~) Simile (c) Euphemism (d) Irony

Ans 5. (a) Metaphor

Ans 6. (b) Simile

Q.7. He kicked the bucket last year.

(a) Euphemism (b) Pun (c) Irony (d) Hyperbole

Q.8. The kettle hissed as the water boiled.

(a) Onomatopoeia (b) Alliteration (c) Personification (d) Pun

Ans 7. (a) Euphemism

Ans 8. (a) Onomatopoeia

Q.9. Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?

- (a) Irony (b) Simile (~~c~~) Pun (d) Hyperbole

Q.10. The waves crashed angrily against the shore.

- (a) Onomatopoeia (~~b~~) Personification (c) Hyperbole (d)
Euphemism

Ans 9. (c) Pun

Ans 10. (b) Personification

Q.11. He is as strong as an ox.

(a) Metaphor (b) Simile (c) Hyperbole (d) Oxymoron

Q.12. The car coughed and spluttered before stopping.

(a) Onomatopoeia (b) Personification (c) Simile (d) Euphemism

Ans 11. (b) Simile

Ans 12. (b) Personification

Q.13. He runs faster than a speeding bullet.

(~~a~~) Hyperbole (b) Simile (c) Irony (d) Pun

Q.14. The pen is mightier than the sword.

(a) Metaphor (b) Irony (c) Pun (d) Euphemism

Ans 13. (a) Hyperbole

Ans 14. (a) Metaphor

Q.15. The teacher gave me mountains of homework.

(~~a~~) Hyperbole (b) Personification (c) Simile (d) Pun

Q.16. The doorbell went ding-dong.

(a) Alliteration (~~b~~) Onomatopoeia (c) Simile (d) Euphemism

Ans 15. (a) Hyperbole

Ans 16. (b) Onomatopoeia

Q.17. He has been called to heaven.

(~~a~~) Euphemism (b) Irony (c) Hyperbole (d) Simile

Q.18. She sells shiny seashells on Sundays.

(a) Hyperbole (~~b~~) Alliteration (c) Pun (d) Irony

Ans 17. (a) Euphemism

Ans 18. (b) Alliteration

Q.19. He's in between jobs right now.

(a) Hyperbole (b) Euphemism (c) Irony (d) Pun

Q.20. The snake slithered silently.

(a) Simile (b) Onomatopoeia (c) Alliteration (d) Pun

Ans 19. (b) Euphemism

Ans 20. (c) Alliteration

Q.21. The baby's laugh was like music.

(a) Hyperbole (b) Simile (c) Onomatopoeia (d) Euphemism

Q.22. Her words cut deeper than a knife.

(a) Simile (b) Hyperbole (c) Metaphor (d) Personification

Ans 21. (b) Simile

Ans 22. (c) Metaphor

Q.23. Life is a puzzle, each piece matters.

- (a) Simile (b) Metaphor (c) Hyperbole (d) Alliteration

Q.24. The birds chirped cheerfully in the morning.

- (a) Onomatopoeia (b) Personification (c) Hyperbole (d) Pun

Ans 23. (b) Metaphor

Ans 24. (a) Onomatopoeia

Q.25. He was buried in paperwork.

(a) Hyperbole (b) Simile (c) Irony (d) Euphemism

Q.26. The stars winked at us from the sky.

(a) Personification (b) Simile (c) Metaphor (d) Irony

Ans 25. (a) Hyperbole

Ans 26. (a) Personification

Q.27. The customer service was painfully pleasant.

(a) Euphemism (b) Irony (c) Oxymoron (d) Pun

Q.28. I'm on a seafood diet. I see food, and I eat it.

(a) Pun (b) Simile (c) Irony (d) Euphemism

Ans 27. (c) Oxymoron

Ans 28. (a) Pun

Q.29. The mountains stood tall, watching over the valley.

(a) Personification (b) Hyperbole (c) Metaphor (d) Simile

Q.30. He calls himself a warrior and he is afraid of fighting.

(a) Irony (b) oxymoron (c) metaphor (d) pun

Ans 29. (a) Personification

Ans 30. (a) Irony