

Figurative Language Summary

6th Grade

Eight devices with an example line each.

Simile

Compares using like or as

Her smile was like sunrise.

Metaphor

Says one thing IS another

The classroom was a zoo.

Personification

Gives human traits to a thing

The wind whispered.

Hyperbole

Wild exaggeration for effect

I've told you a million times.

Onomatopoeia

A word that sounds like its noise

buzz, splash, crack

Alliteration

Same starting sound, close together

silly Sally sang.

Idiom

Means something other than the words

It's raining cats and dogs.

Imagery

Language that hits the five senses

Warm bread, crackling crust.

REMEMBER

Naming it earns half the mark. Saying what it does to the reader earns the rest.