



# Figurative Language Guides

## Instructions

1. Print and laminate figurative language guides.
2. Cut along the dotted line.
3. Distribute to students for use as a guide when identifying figurative language while reading.

## Alliteration

The repetition of the same initial sound

"Ben bought big bananas in Birmingham"



## Allusion

A reference to a famous person, place, or event

"He was lying so much I'm surprised his nose wasn't growing like Pinocchio's"



## Hyperbole

An exaggeration that can't be true

"He was as big as a house"



## Idiom

A group of words whose meaning isn't understood from their literal meanings

"They had a change of heart"



## Metaphor

A comparison of two unlike things that says one thing is another

"Time is money"



## Onomatopoeia

Words whose sounds suggest their meaning

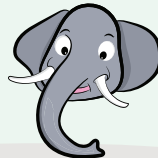
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## Oxymoron

A phrase whose words contradict each other with opposite meanings

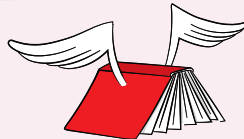
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## PERSONIFICATION

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## Simile

A comparison of two unlike things using like or as

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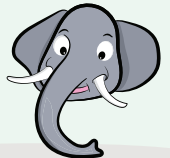
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