

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Figurative language is a phrase that does not mean what it says. Figurative language is used to make stories and writing sound more interesting and vivid.

Example:

The wind caressed her cheek as she watched the sun go down.

The wind didn't really caress her cheek, but it sounds more interesting saying that than the wind blew against her cheek.

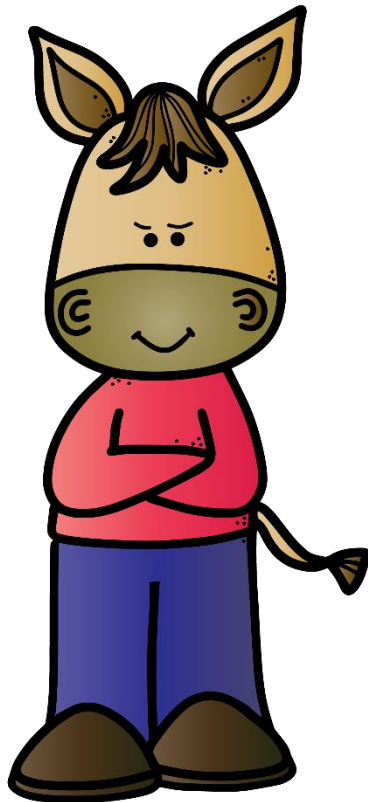
The cookies were hard as rocks after being baked for too long.

The cookies are not really rocks, but they are being compared to rocks to make a point that the cookies are really hard.

SIMILE

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unlike things using
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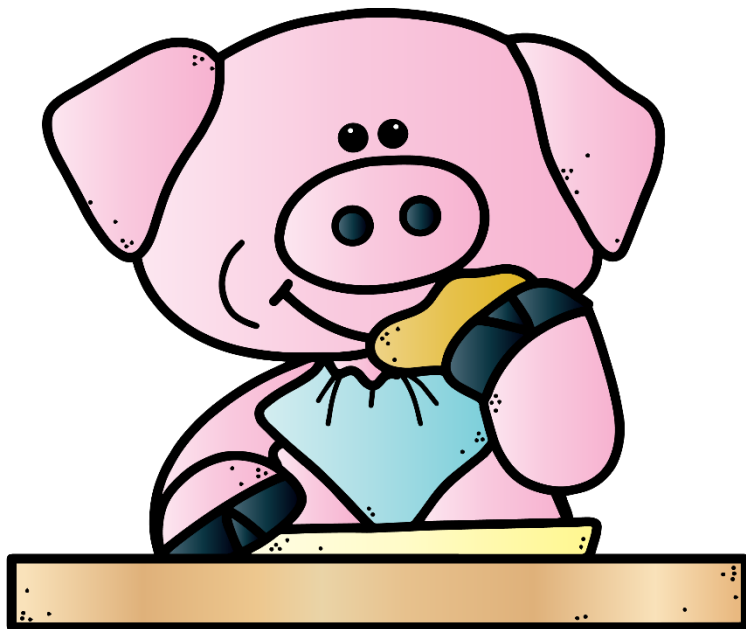
Example: The child was as stubborn as a
mule when he didn't get his way.



METAPHOR

A direct comparison of two unlike things without using like or as

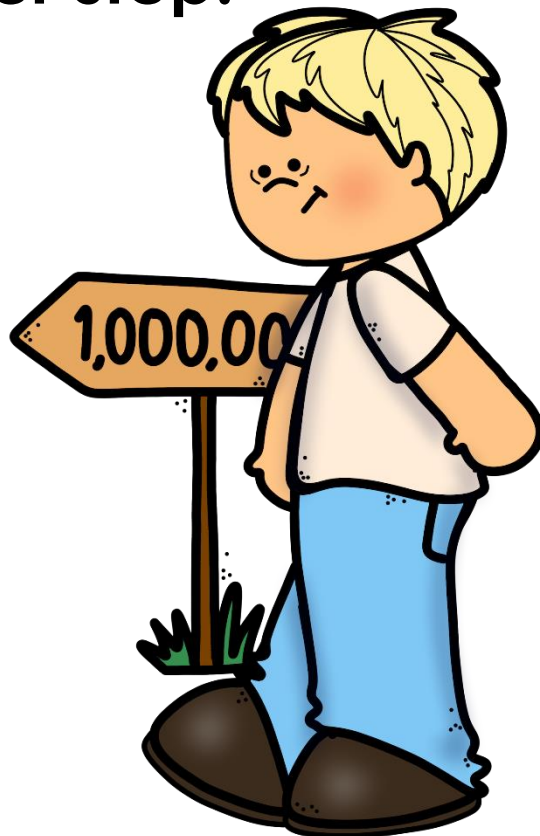
Example: The child was a greedy pig as he devoured his snacks.



HYPERBOLE

An extreme
exaggeration

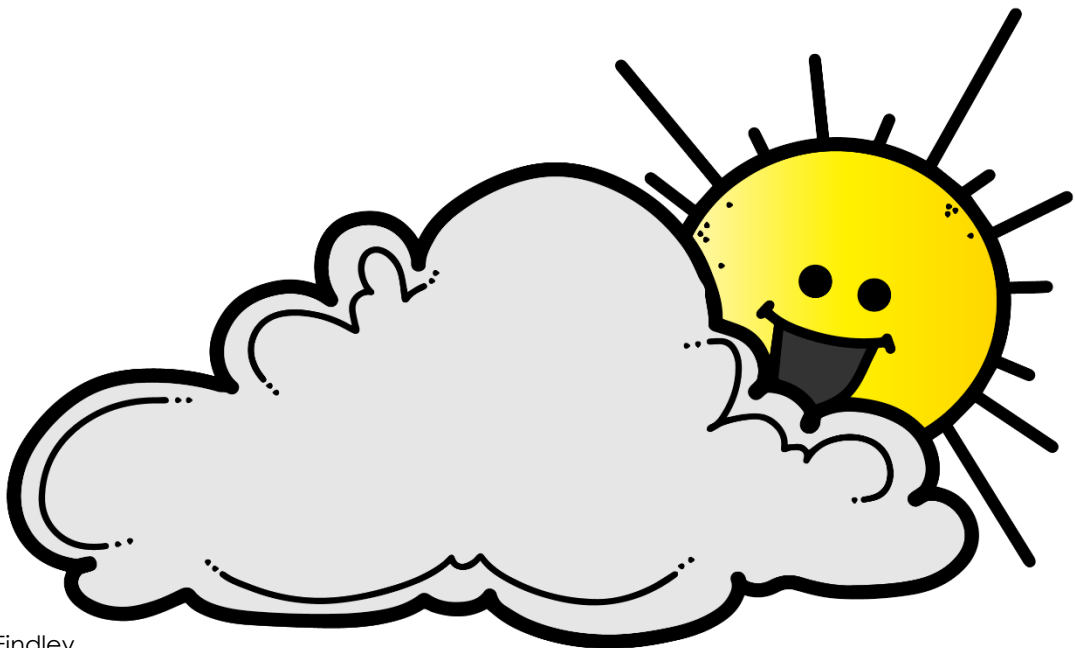
Example: The child complained that he had walked a million miles and couldn't take another step.



PERSONIFICATION

Gives human qualities or characteristics (actions, feelings, or thoughts) to nonhuman objects, ideas, or animals

Example: The sun peeked out behind the clouds while the children were playing.



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Figurative Language Example	What type of figurative language is it?	What does the phrase mean?

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