

# 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.*

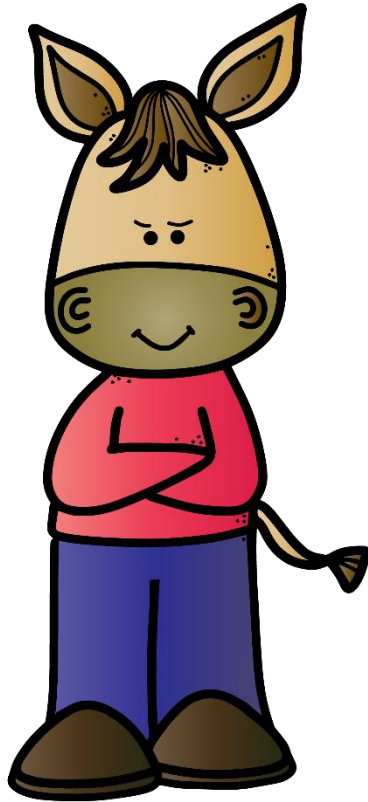
The cookies were hard as rocks after being baked for too long.

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

# SIMILE

A comparison of two  
unlike things using  
like or as

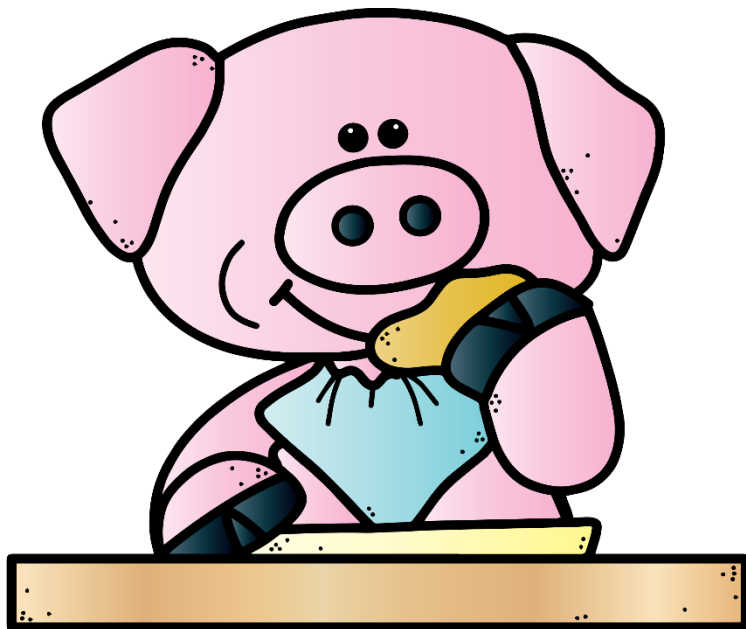
Example: The child was as stubborn as a  
mule when he didn't get his way.



# METAPHOR

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

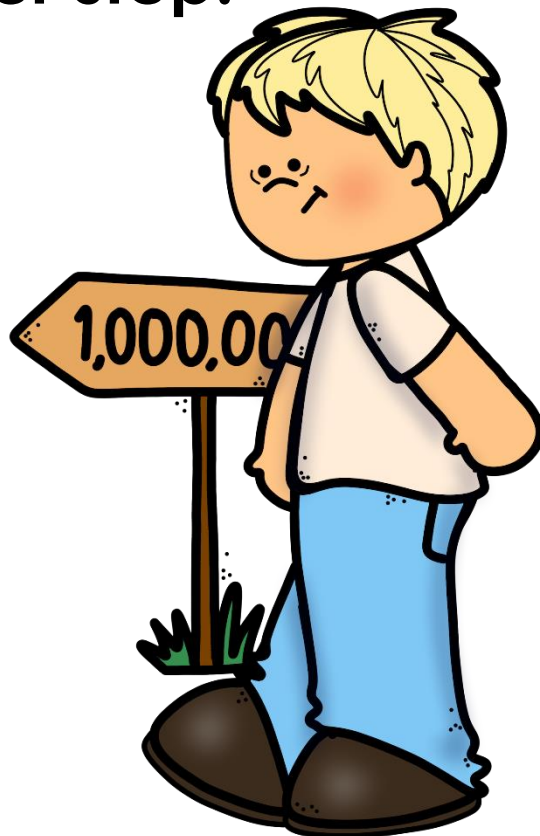
**Example: The child was a greedy pig as he devoured his snacks.**



# HYPERBOLE

An extreme  
exaggeration

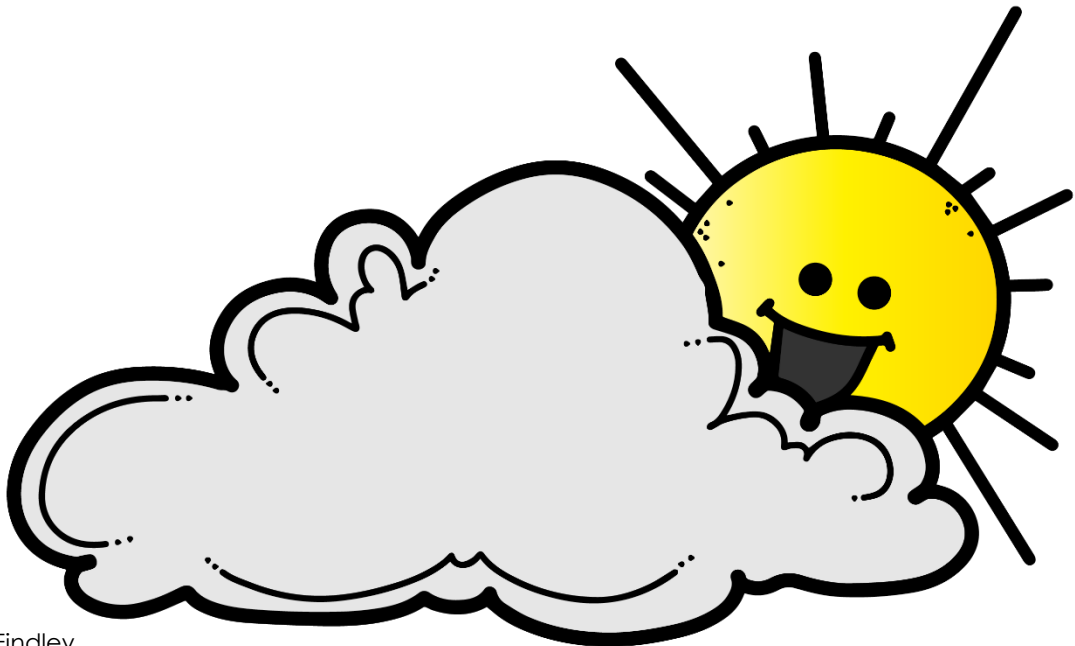
Example: The child complained that he had walked a million miles and couldn't take another step.



# 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.**



# FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE HUNT

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<b>Figurative Language Example</b>	<b>What type of figurative language is it?</b>	<b>What does the phrase mean?</b>

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