**Figurative Language**

**Figurative language is the use of words that go beyond their ordinary meanings.  Figurative language requires you to use your imagination to figure out the author's meaning.**

**SIMILE**

**Simile:** comparing two things using “like” or “as”

**Example:** Her hair was as golden as the sun.

**What is being compared?** Her hair to the sun.



**METAPHOR**

**Metaphor:** comparing two things without using like or as

**Example:** My dad is a big teddy bear.

**What is being compared?** My dad to a teddy bear.

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**ONOMATOPOEIA**

**Onomatopoeia:** a word or words that imitate a sound

**Example:** Whack! Bang! Buzz! Snap!



**PERSONIFICATION**

**Personification:** giving human characteristics to things that are not human

**Example:** My locker bit me.

**Reality:** My finger was stuck in my locker.