

# FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE CARDS

✂ Cut out the cards and use them for practice, games, and learning.

## 1 SIMILE

Compares two things using 'like' or 'as'.

### EXAMPLE:

"Her smile was as bright as the sun."



## 2 METAPHOR

Compares two things by saying one is another.

### EXAMPLE:

"Time is a thief."



## 3 PERSONIFICATION

Gives human qualities to non-human things.

### EXAMPLE:

"The wind whispered through the trees."



## 4 HYPERBOLE

An exaggeration used for effect.

### EXAMPLE:

"I'm so hungry I could eat a horse."



## 5 IDIOM

A phrase that means something different from the literal meaning.

### EXAMPLE:

"It's raining cats and dogs."



## 6 ALLITERATION

The repetition of the same starting sound in nearby words.

### EXAMPLE:

"Wild winds whipped the waves."



## 7 ONOMATOPOEIA

A word that imitates a sound.

### EXAMPLE:

"The bee went buzz, buzz near the flower."



## 8 OXYMORON

A phrase that combines words that seem to contradict.

### EXAMPLE:

"Deafening silence."



## 9 IRONY

A contrast between what is expected and what actually happens.

### EXAMPLE:

"It rained on the day of the beach picnic."



## 10 SARCASM

Using words to say the opposite, often in a funny or cutting way.

### EXAMPLE:

"Oh, great! Another pop quiz."



## 11 IMAGERY

Words that create a vivid picture in the reader's mind.

### EXAMPLE:

"The golden leaves crunched underfoot."



## 12 SYMBOLISM

Using an object to represent a bigger idea.

### EXAMPLE:

"The dove is a symbol of peace."

