FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

MINI-LESSON
WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LITERAL AND FIGURATIVE?

• **Literal language** is true to fact. It uses words in accordance with their actual (literal) meanings.
  – **Example**: My dog is a carnivore.

• **Figurative language** makes comparisons between unrelated things or ideas, in order to show something about a subject.
  – **Example**: In the kitchen, when I cook, my dog is a tap dancer.
Metaphor

A comparison in which one thing is said to be another.

Example:

My mom is a teddy bear.
METAPHORS

NO  Noun is adjective

YES  Noun is noun

“His skin is leathery.”

This is just a description.

“His skin is leather.”

Two different things are being compared.
A comparison of two things by using the words "like" or "as."

Example:

As tall as a giraffe.
You’re as skinny as a rail and you’re a mountain.
Personification

Giving human qualities to animals or objects.

Example:
The stars winked at me.
Personification examples

Here are some more common examples of personification.

My stomach was growling.
(I felt hungry.)

Tom's pencil was flying across the page.
(Tom was writing fast.)

The ocean waves ran across the beach.
(The waves were covering the sand.)

The old door moaned in protest as it opened.
(The old door creaked because it had not been opened for a long time.)

The moon guarded the city at night.
(The moon was shining over the city.)