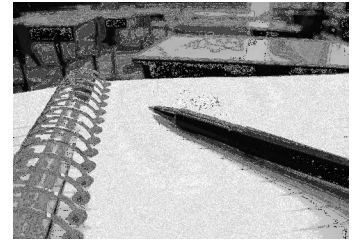


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Simile:

Complete the definition of a simile:

A simile is a _____.

Using the words below, finish the following sentences:

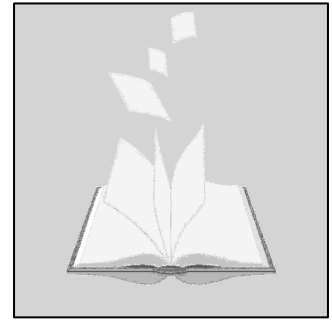
berries	ABC	arrow	lead
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feather	mustard	hammer	whip
silk	furnace	thieves	window

1. It was as heavy as _____.
2. You look as white as a _____.
3. The sprinters ran like the _____.
4. With a fist like a _____ he pounded the desk.
5. They're as keen as _____.
6. She's as sweet as _____.
7. They've been out in the sun all day and now they're as brown as _____.
8. She's as light as a _____.
9. His voice cracked out like a _____.
10. As straight as an _____, the road ran from the coast to the hills.
11. He was so old that he was trembling like a _____.
12. Allow me, it's as easy as _____.
13. Out beyond the shade, it's as hot as a _____.
14. It's as smooth as _____.
15. They're as thick as _____.

Metaphor:

Complete the definition of a metaphor:

A metaphor is a _____.



Identify (underline) the two things being compared in each sentence and tell in what way they are alike.

1. The lake was a huge mirror in the moonlight.

2. The playground became a lake after the thunderous rain.

3. I am the glue that holds us together.

4. My friend is a stubborn mule.

5. Own lawn is a green carpet from the fence to the street.

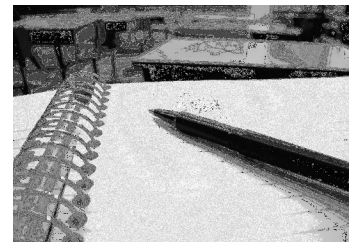
Identify whether the following are similes or metaphors.

Put a checkmark in the simile (S) and metaphor (M) column

	S	M
"Juliet is the sun." (Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet.)		
"..the perfect sky is torn." (Natalie Imbruglia, "Torn")		
"Life's but a walking shadow." (Shakespeare, Macbeth.)		
"Love is blind, as far as the eye can see." (The Spice Girls, "Too Much.")		
The traffic is murder.		
My feet are as warm as toast.		
"Everyday is a winding road" (Sheryl Crow, "Everyday is a winding road.")		



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Alliteration:

Complete the definition of alliteration:

Alliteration is _____.

Identify the sound being repeated in the following examples:

- a. The summer sun slid down behind the ridge. _____
- b. In the distance, Horatio heard a horn blow. _____
- c. Betty bought the baubles at the beauty parlour. _____
- d. Rosa Parks raised a rallying cry for racial equality. _____

Analyze the following lines from famous poems. Identify which uses alliteration. Circle the correct answer.

- a. Arise, fair sun, and kill the envious moon
- b. Hurl'd headlong flaming from the ethereal sky with hideous ruin
- c. One could do worse than be a swinger of birches
- d. It is not sweet with nimble feet to dance upon the air!

Think of a tongue twister that effectively uses alliteration. Write it down.

Create your own alliteration! Your alliterative phrase should begin with the first letter of your first name.

Onomatopoeia:

Complete the definition of onomatopoeia:

Onomatopoeia is a _____.



Underline the onomatopoeia in the rest of these sentences.

The hard-hit tennis ball whistled by my ear.

The truck's brakes screeched in the distance.

The old floor creaked as we walked slowly across it.

The rain beat on the metal barn roof.

The fire crackled and popped on a cold night.

Using onomatopoeia, complete the following sentences.

1. The wind _____.
2. The car _____.
3. The bells _____.
4. His anger _____.

Personification:

Complete the definition of personification:

Personification is _____.



Underline the example of personification.

1. The wind sang her mournful song through the falling leaves.
2. The microwave timer told me it was time to turn my TV dinner.
3. The video camera observed the whole scene.
4. The water beckoned invitingly to the hot swimmers.
5. The snow whispered as it fell to the ground during the early morning hours.

Create your own sentences with personification.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____