Figurative Language

Words that don't mean exactly what they say

Term	What it means	Example
Simile	Compares using **like** or **as**	*Her smile was as bright as the sun.*
Metaphor	Compares by saying one thing **is** another	*The classroom was a zoo.*
Personification	Gives **human** traits to things	*The wind whispered my name.*
Hyperbole	A huge **exaggeration**	*I've told you a million times!*
Idiom	A saying with a **hidden** meaning	*It's raining cats and dogs.*
Onomatopoeia	A word that makes a **sound**	*Buzz! Crash! Sizzle!*
Alliteration	Same **beginning sound** repeated	*Silly snakes slide slowly.*