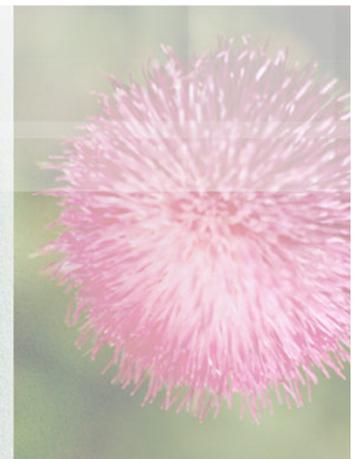




Poetic Devices





Simile

Definition: A simile is a comparison of two objects using the words 'like', 'as' or 'than'.





Examples:

He coughed like a sick cow.

*Her mind was as blank as a
white sheet of paper.*

*Higher than birds, kites rose in the
air.*





Complete the following:

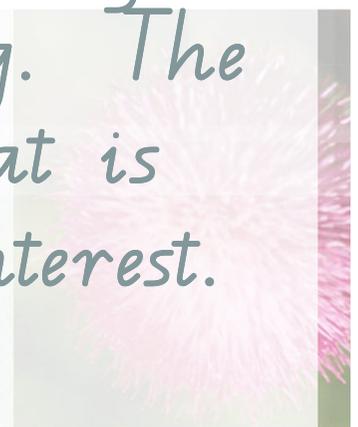
- The ballerina moves like...
- The snake's skin is like...
- The thunder rolled like a...
- The dragon's tooth is like...





Cliches

Definition: A cliché is a simile which has been used so much that it has become boring. If clichés are used, it gives the impression that the writer has not thought about what s/he is saying. The reader often knows what is coming next and loses interest.



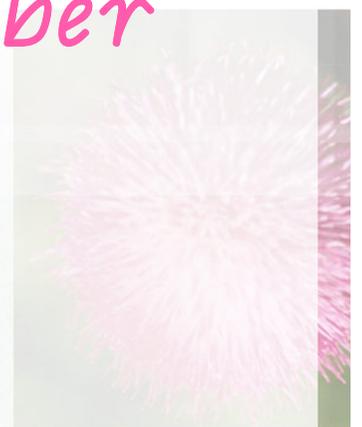


Examples:

as green as grass

as sharp as a razor

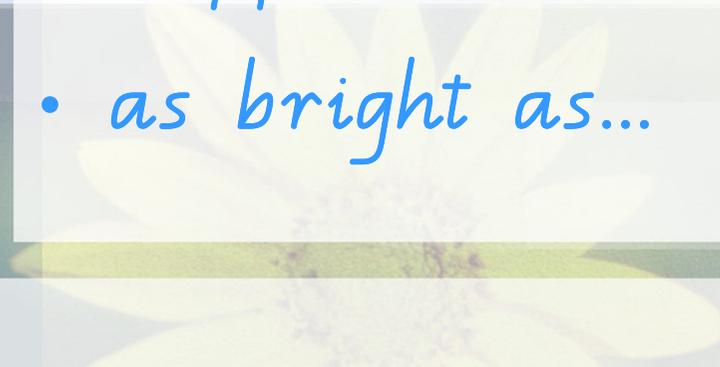
as cool as a cucumber





Avoid cliches – create your own:

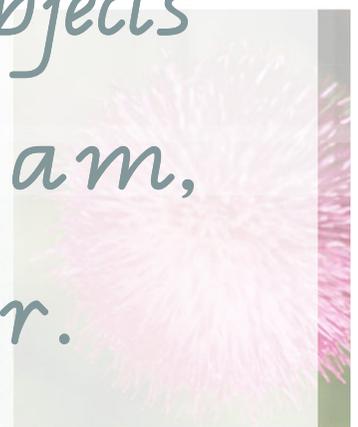
- *as cold as...*
- *as thin as...*
- *happiness is like...*
- *as bright as...*





Metaphor

Definition: A metaphor is a comparison of two objects saying one is (was, am, are, were) the other.





Examples:

*The moon is a balloon,
coming out to play.*

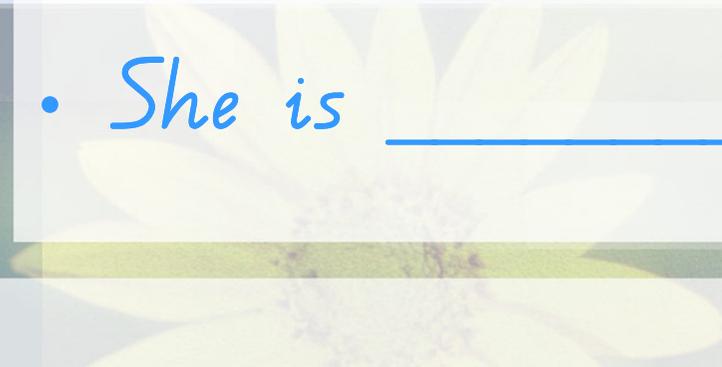
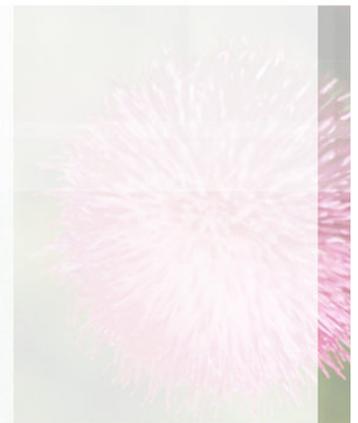
*The lake was a polished
mirror.*





Complete the following:

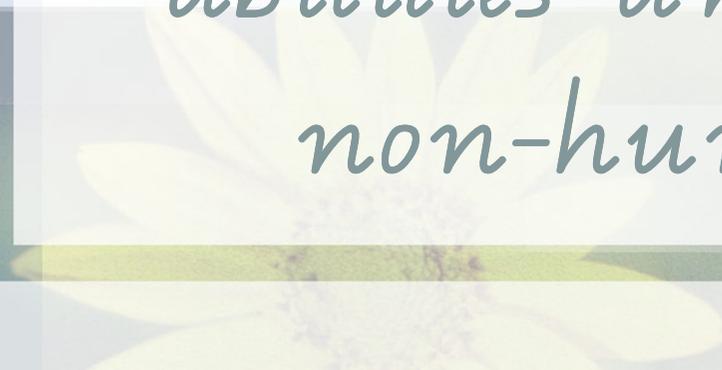
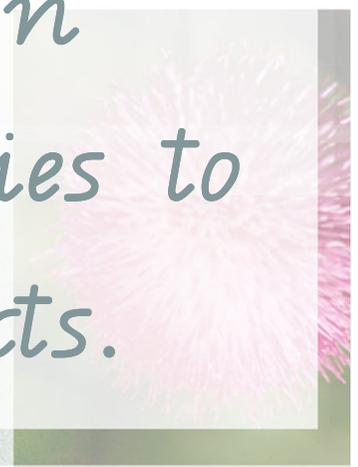
- She is a _____ (insect)
- He is _____ (weather)
- He is a _____ (plant)
- She is _____ (colour)





Personification

*Definition: Personification
is giving human
abilities and qualities to
non-human objects.*



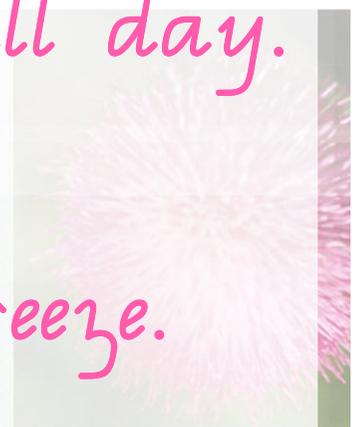


Examples:

*The headlights blinked in the
darkness.*

The sun smiled brightly all day.

Leaves danced in the breeze.



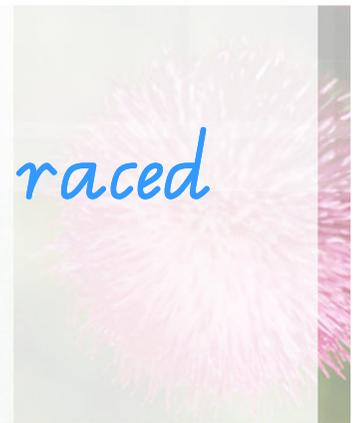


Are these examples of
personification?

A young boy ran to open the door.

Fog crept in from the sea.

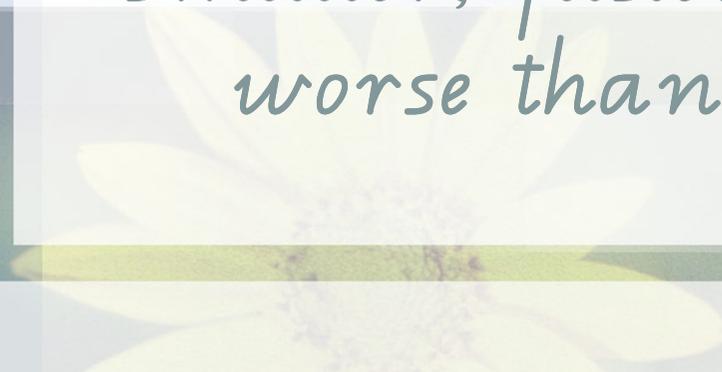
The flames of the bushfire raced
across the hill.





Hyperbole

Definition: Hyperbole is an exaggeration. It is used to emphasise an idea. It says that something is bigger, smaller, faster, slower, better or worse than something else.





Examples:

- *He is so tall he almost touches the sky.*
- *I have told you a thousand times not to do that.*
- *You are the naughtiest boy in the world.*





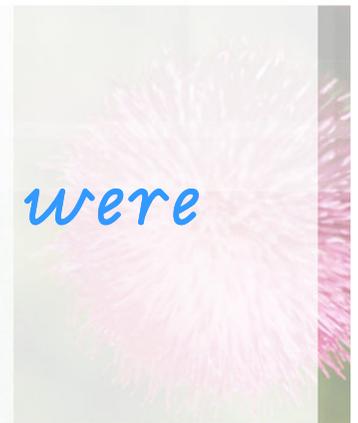
Are these examples of hyperbole?



He has large feet.

It was the best birthday cake ever.

The flowers in the garden were quite pretty.





Alliteration

Definition: Alliteration is the repetition of the initial consonant sounds in a line or series of lines of poetry. This creates a pleasing sound effect which adds humour or power to your poetry.





Examples:

- *Paul patted the pet pig.*
- *Dewdrops dancing down dusty daisies.*





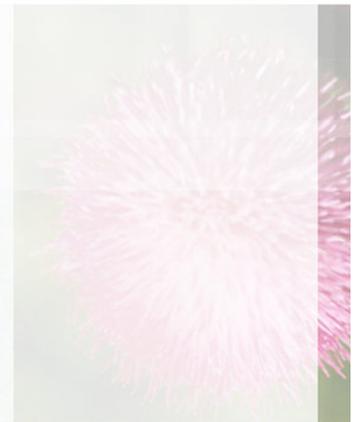
Write alliteration words for these
letters:

M - MEAN MICE MISAPPROPRIATE
MANY MANGOES

T -

R -

L -





Assonance

Definition: Assonance is the repetition of vowel sounds (without the consonants).





Examples:

- *I fly my kite high.*
- *Joe drove home so slowly.*
- *He eats sea weed each week.*





Write assonance sentences using
these sounds:

'oo' – the blue moon moves soon

'ee' –

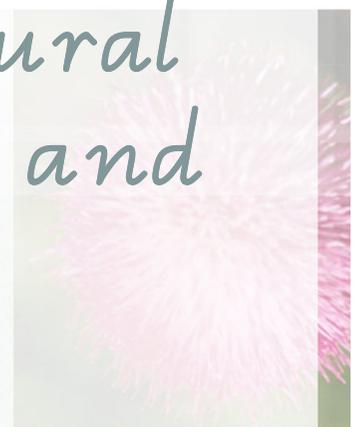
'ai' –





Onomatopoeia

Definition: Onomatopoeia is when the sound of a word is similar to its meaning. These words imitate the natural sounds of objects, people and actions.





Examples:

- *Over the cobbles he clattered and clashed.*
- *He trudged through the slimy mud.*
- *It hit the ground with a clang.*





*Write an example of onomatopoeia
for these situations:*

- Something being hit*
- A loud noise*
- Somebody singing*
- A noise an animal makes*

