

# Figures of Speech

# Figure of Speech

- A figure of speech is **always based on a comparison, and is not literally true.**
- While it can take a lot of words to express an idea in literal terms, the same idea can be communicated instantly by a figure of speech.

# Simile

- A simile is the simplest form of figurative language.
- **Two dissimilar things are compared using a word such as *like, as, than, or resembles*.**
- “X is like Y”

# Metaphor

- When the “connective” is omitted, you have a metaphor rather than a simile.
- **A comparison between two unlike things in which one thing *becomes* another thing without the use of a word such as *like* or *as*.**
- “X is Y” — the two things are united

# Metaphor

- A **direct metaphor** directly compares the two things using a verb such as *is*.
- An **indirect metaphor** implies or suggest the comparison between the two things without stating it directly.

# Personification

- A special kind of metaphor in which human qualities are given to something that is not human
  - an animal
  - an object
  - an idea