Grade VII
English

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Read the literary definitions and reflect on their purpose in literature.

1. Personification

Definition: A literary device where human characteristics are attributed to non-human things, animals, or abstract concepts.

Purpose in literature: Personification helps writers express emotions, create mood, or give life to nature or objects.

Example: The night wrapped its arms around the city.

➡️ Interpretation: The night is imagined as a comforting or suffocating force—depending on tone—suggesting mood.

2. Simile

Definition: A simile is a figure of speech comparing two unlike things using “like” or “as” to make descriptions more vivid.

Purpose in literature: Similes evoke imagery and help the reader grasp abstract or emotional experiences.

Example: She was as nervous as a leaf in the wind.

➡️ Interpretation: The comparison emphasizes fragility and uncertainty.

3. Metaphor

Definition: A metaphor is a direct comparison that describes one thing in terms of another, without using "like" or "as".

Purpose in literature: Metaphors allow deeper symbolic meaning and create strong connections between ideas.

Example: Hope is a fragile bird perched in the soul.

➡️ Interpretation: This metaphor (inspired by Emily Dickinson) represents hope as delicate yet present in the human spirit.

Q.1 Identify the figure of speech used in each sentence.

1. The river swallowed the canoe without a trace. _____
2. His words were knives slicing through the silence. _____
3. The clouds hung low, like sorrow weighing down the sky. _____
4. I tasted the memory of mangoes on my tongue. _____
5. The pages of the old book sighed as I turned them. _____

Q.2 Read the two descriptions. Which one uses metaphor and which uses simile? How does each affect the tone or mood differently?

A. The fog crept across the fields, a ghost with silent steps.

B. The fog moved like a quiet cat, barely brushing the grass.

1. Which sentence uses a metaphor? _____
2. Which uses a simile? _____
3. Which one feels more eerie or mysterious? Why?

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Q.3-Read the following sentences and answer the question.

“The sun stretched its golden fingers across the hills, waking the sleepy valley.”

1. Identify the figure(s) of speech: _____
2. How do they affect the tone or mood of the description?

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