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**English III: Figurative
Meaning of Words and
Phrases in Poetry**

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Objective/Learning Target:

- Students will understand the figurative meaning of words and phrases in poetry.

1.

Read the paragraph below and find examples of metaphor, simile, onomatopoeia, personification, oxymoron and/or alliteration.

The cell phone alarm on vibrate sounded like a jackhammer against Rachel's wooden night stand. She opened her eyes to see the sun peering into her bedroom through the opening in the curtains. Outside her window, there was a dull roar as the plow cleared the streets from the storm that had attacked her town through the night. She looked outside to see a blanket of snow laying on top of her back yard. Rachel hoped that this meant she would be able to crawl back into her cozy, comfortable bed and curl up in the covers. The radio's buzzing sound died down as she tuned it to the local station. It was like music to her ears when the radio announcer said, "All schools are closed."



Bell Ringer:

Highlight the different examples of FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE used in this passage. Choose a different color for each type of figurative language. There will be NINE examples in all.

Click [HERE](#) for the answer key.

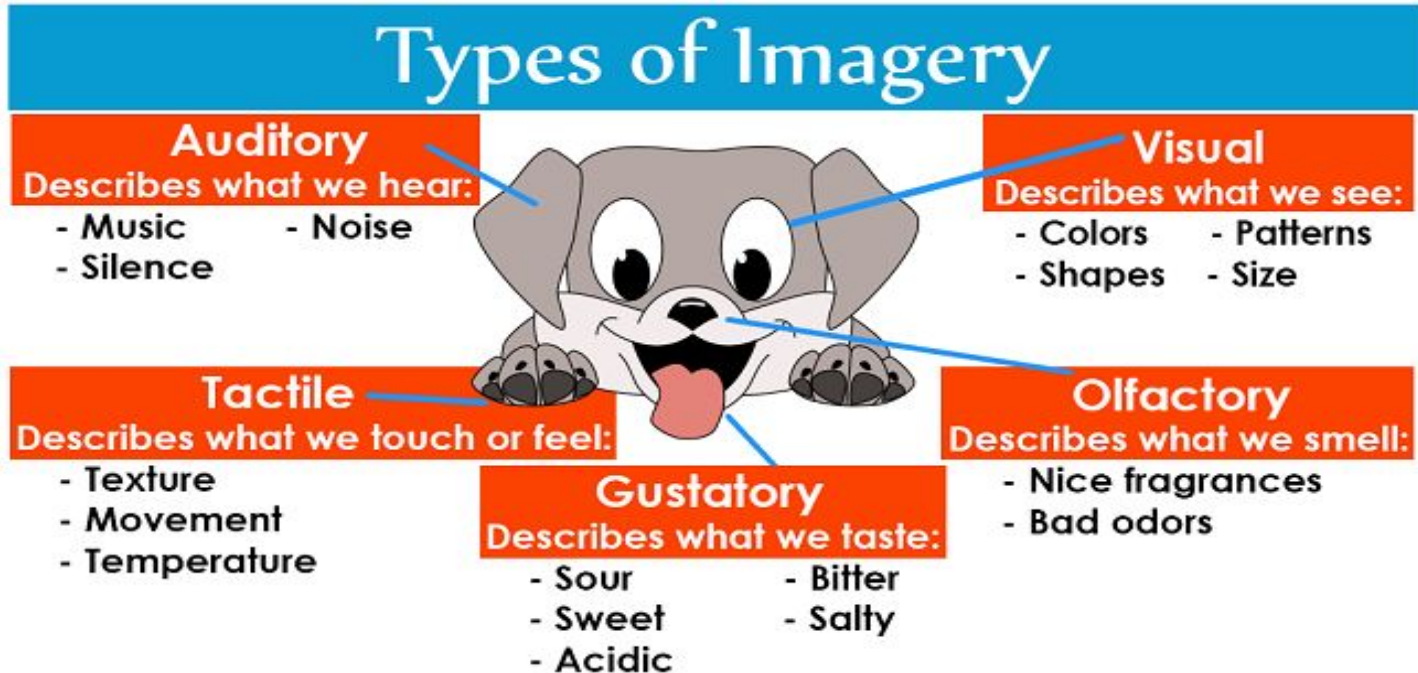
Learn:

- In order to gain a better understanding of poetry, it's important to know these terms when you are identifying figurative language and trying to interpret the meaning of certain poems. This [site](#) gives you a great variety of examples and explanations about the different types of figurative language used in poetry.
- This short YouTube [video](#) gives you an example of the different types of figurative language used in different movies.
- And this [document](#) provides you with seven different types of imagery used in poetry, with an example from actual poems provided for you.



Learn:

You will be identifying IMAGERY in poetry. This allows the reader to imagine exactly what is being described using the five senses.



Practice:

- Read this inspirational poem by Maya Angelou titled, "[Still I Rise.](#)" Be sure to take note of the imagery she uses throughout the poem.
- Use a highlighter to identify examples of imagery in the poem. This can include similes, metaphors, personification, hyperbole and alliteration.
- Now use this [chart](#) to show how she incorporates imagery and what she is trying to convey in using figurative language.



Practice Answer Key:

- Although there may be some variations in answers, this document will provide you with some possible examples of IMAGERY in the poem. ["Still I Rise" Imagery](#)
- In the chart that looks at interpreting imagery, answers will vary based on the reader's understanding of the poem and the images he or she chose to focus on. An example was provided for you in the document.

If you want to learn more...Additional Resource:



- Here is a [worksheet](#) that you can use to practice identifying different types of figurative language.
- The [answer key](#) is provided for you as well.