

The  
Cremation  
Of  
Sam McGee

Figurative Language

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# Simile

## **DEFINITION:**

Two unlike things compared together using the words *like* or *as*

## **EXAMPLE:**

The weather is as cold as a freezer.

# Metaphor

## **DEFINITION:**

Two unlike things compared together without using the words *like* or *as*

## **EXAMPLE:**

Little snowflake daggers poked my skin.

# Idiom

## **DEFINITION:**

A word or phrase that does not literally mean what it says; it has some other meaning.

## **EXAMPLE:**

The blizzard snowed us in our little cabin in the woods.



# Hyperbole

## **DEFINITION:**

A complete exaggeration to make a point, often used to create a humorous or mean effect

## **EXAMPLE:**

The snow was piled a mile high around our car.

# Personification

## **DEFINITION:**

Giving humanlike qualities to non-human objects or animals

## **EXAMPLE:**

The snowstorm whispered to him that things would be okay.

# Onomatopoeia

## **DEFINITION:**

The act of spelling out the way a sound sounds.

## **EXAMPLE:**

The snowflakes whooshed past my ear so fast.

# Synecdoche


## **DEFINITION:**

A rare figurative language. Uses one detail of a person (or thing) to represent the entire person.

## **EXAMPLE:**

Four scarves huddled around the fireplace and drank coffee.





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Which  
Figurative Language  
Is It?

“The Arctic trails have their  
secret tales.”

Personification

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Which Figurative Language

Is It?

“...would make your blood  
run cold”

Idiom

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**Which  
Figurative Language  
Is It?**

**“The Northern Lights have  
seen queer sights...”**

**Personification**

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# Which Figurative Language Is It?

**“...God only knows.”**

**Idiom**

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A photograph of a winter forest. The trees are covered in snow, and a path leads through the woods. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting a snowy day.

# Which Figurative Language Is It?

**"...the land of gold  
seemed to hold him  
like a spell."**

**Simile**





**Which  
Figurative Language  
Is It?**

**“He’d sooner live in hell.”**

**Hyperbole**

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# Which Figurative Language Is It?

**“Talk of your cold!  
Through the parka’s  
fold, it stabbed like a  
driven nail.”**

**Simile**



# Which Figurative Language Is It?

“The stars o’erhead  
were dancing to and  
fro.”

# Personification

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# Which Figurative Language Is It?

"I'll cash in this trip, I guess."

Idiom

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Which  
Figurative Language  
Is It?

“There wasn’t a breath  
in that land of death.”

Synecdoche

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Which  
Figurative Language  
Is It?

**“Now a promise made  
is a debt unpaid.”**

**Metaphor**

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**Which  
Figurative Language  
Is It?**

**“The trail has its own  
stern code.”**

**Personification**

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# Which Figurative Language Is It?

**“While the huskies round in a ring howled out their woes to the homeless snows.”**

**Personification**





# Which Figurative Language Is It?

**“Then ‘Here,’ said I,  
with a sudden cry, ‘is  
my cre-ma-tor-eum.’”**

**Metaphor**



**Which  
Figurative Language  
Is It?**

**“Then I made a hike,  
for I didn’t like to hear  
him sizzle so.”**

**Onomatopoeia**

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Which  
Figurative Language  
Is It?

**“The heavens  
scowled.”**

**Personification**

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# Which Figurative Language Is It?

**“The greasy smoke in an inky cloak went streaking down the sky.”**

**Metaphor**

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# Which Figurative Language Is It?

**“I wrestled with  
grisly fear.”**

# Personification

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# Which Figurative Language Is It?

“...looking cool  
and calm in the  
heart of the  
furnace...”

## Idiom

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# Which Figurative Language Is It?

“...the furnace  
roar...”

# Metaphor

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# Which Figurative Language Is It?

“He wore a smile he  
could see a mile..”

## Hyperbole

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A black and white photograph of falling snow against a dark background with bare tree branches. The snow is captured in various stages of descent, creating a sense of movement and depth. The branches are dark and intricate, framing the central text.

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